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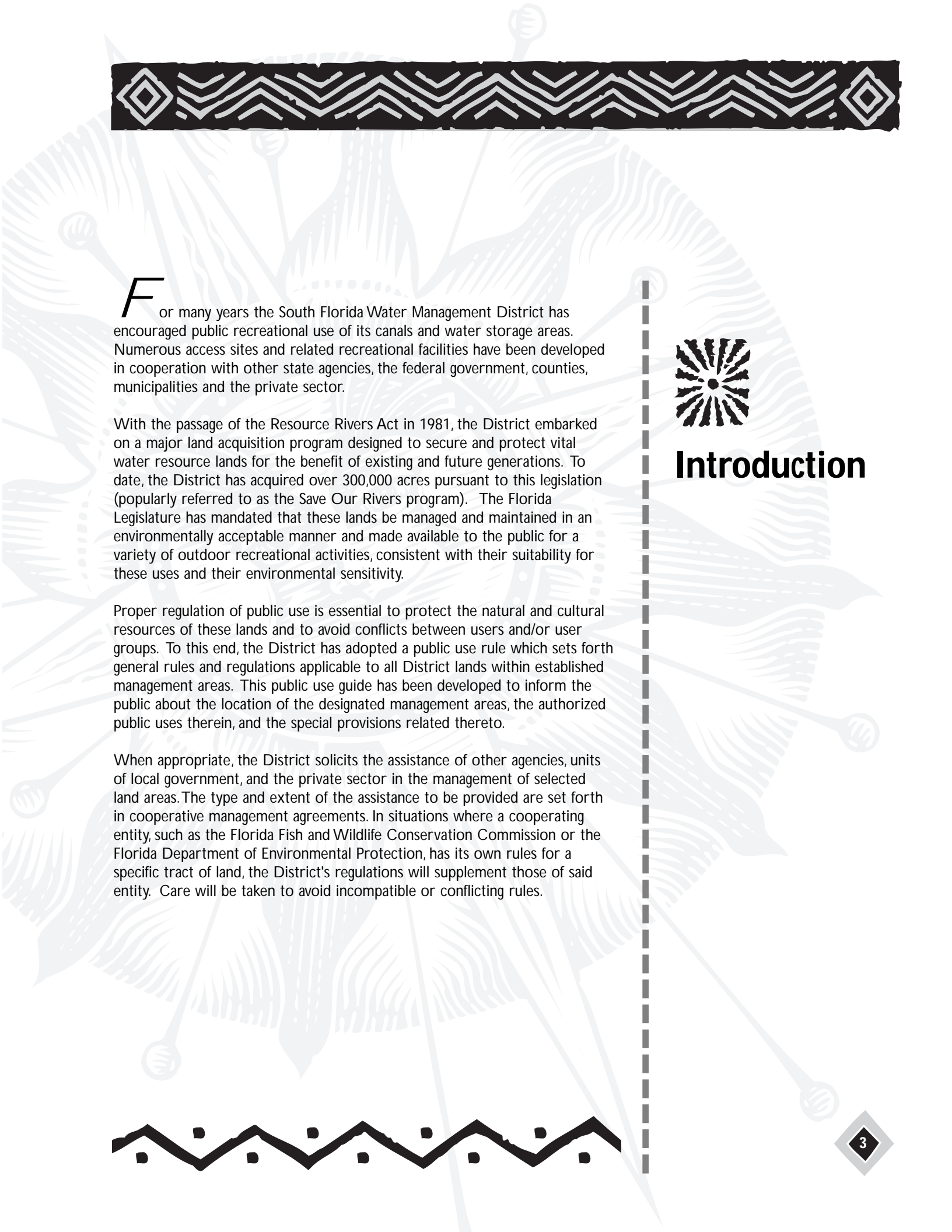

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For many years the South Florida Water Management District has encouraged public recreational use of its canals and water storage areas. Numerous access sites and related recreational facilities have been developed in cooperation with other state agencies, the federal government, counties, municipalities and the private sector.

With the passage of the Resource Rivers Act in 1981, the District embarked on a major land acquisition program designed to secure and protect vital water resource lands for the benefit of existing and future generations. To date, the District has acquired over 300,000 acres pursuant to this legislation (popularly referred to as the Save Our Rivers program). The Florida Legislature has mandated that these lands be managed and maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner and made available to the public for a variety of outdoor recreational activities, consistent with their suitability for these uses and their environmental sensitivity.

Proper regulation of public use is essential to protect the natural and cultural resources of these lands and to avoid conflicts between users and/or user groups. To this end, the District has adopted a public use rule which sets forth general rules and regulations applicable to all District lands within established management areas. This public use guide has been developed to inform the public about the location of the designated management areas, the authorized public uses therein, and the special provisions related thereto.

When appropriate, the District solicits the assistance of other agencies, units of local government, and the private sector in the management of selected land areas. The type and extent of the assistance to be provided are set forth in cooperative management agreements. In situations where a cooperating entity, such as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, has its own rules for a specific tract of land, the District's regulations will supplement those of said entity. Care will be taken to avoid incompatible or conflicting rules.



Introduction



General Rules & Regulations

PART V PUBLIC ACCESS AND USE

40E-7.511 Policy and Purpose.

The purpose of the rule in this part is to further implement the legislative intent expressed in Sections 259.101, 373.016(2)(h), and 373.59(11) F.S., and District Land Management Policy 5.001, and therefore, to establish regulations governing public access to certain District lands and use of said lands for general public recreational and allied purposes. It is the intent of these regulations to protect the water resources, native plant communities, fish and wildlife populations, and related natural features of these lands together with any cultural improvements thereon.

Specific Authority 279.101, 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 F.S. Law Implemented 259.101, 373.016, 373.056, 373.103, 373.59 F.S. History- New 5-24-94. Amended 9-10-98.

40E-7.520 Scope and Applicability.

(1) Everglades Water Conservation Areas One, Two, and Three are exempt and will not be affected or governed by these rules.

(2) The general regulations contained herein are broad in scope and applicable to all management areas.

(3) The regulations are applicable to all persons entering upon, using, or visiting said management areas.

(4) A copy of the regulations contained herein shall be posted at entry points, activity areas, and recreation sites equipped with bulletin boards or otherwise made reasonably available to the public.

(5) The District shall publish and make available to the public, upon request, a "Public Use Guide for Designated Land Management Areas". The Public Use Guide will be considered by the Governing Board at a public meeting advertised in accordance with Chapter 120, F.S. Only rules adopted by the Governing Board shall be effective. Copies of the Public Use Guide are available during working hours from the District headquarters.

(6) Consistent with the environmental sensitivity of these areas and the purposes for which lands were acquired, all management areas are open for general public recreational purposes unless otherwise limited, restricted, or prohibited by special provision in this Rule, by specific provision included in the Governing Board's designated boundary change to an existing management





area or the Governing Board's creation of a new management area or management unit, or as set forth in the Public Use Guide. Nothing in this rule shall prevent other federal, state, or local agencies, including but not limited to those with management contracts with the District, from requiring compliance with their own rules, regulations, or laws to the fullest extent of their lawful authority.

Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.056, 373.139, 373.1395, 373.1401, 373.59 F.S. History--New 5-24 94, Amended 9-10-98.

40E-7.521 Definitions.

When used in this part:

- (1) "Activity area" means a zone within a management area designated for specific recreational activities.
- (2) "Allied purposes" means other related outdoor activities including, but not limited to, frogging, photography, painting, environmental education, and nature study.
- (3) "Designated road" means any road, path, lane, or trail officially designated by name or number for public vehicular travel.
- (4) "Entry point" means a designated location or boundary for public access to a management area.
- (5) "General public recreational purposes" means natural resource based outdoor recreational activities including, but not limited to, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, bicycling, swimming, camping, hiking, canoeing, boating, airboating, diving, birding, sailing, and jogging.
- (6) "Management area" means:
 - (a) any Save Our Rivers land, other District land, or combination thereof, listed in the Public Use Guide and managed as a single and distinct unit for the purpose of restoring, preserving, and protecting the water and related environmental resources of said area, including regulating the public uses thereon; and
 - (b) any such lands, acquired by the District since the most recent update of the Public Use Guide and designated by the Governing Board as a boundary change of contiguous lands to an existing management area, or by the creation





of a new management area.

(7) "Management Unit" means a portion of any Save Our Rivers land or other District land within a management area that requires a specific public use regulation due to legal, cultural or environmental factors uniquely affecting the specific unit of land, but which is not applicable to the entire management area.

(8) "Natural Resources" mean water, soils, flora, and fauna.

(9) "Public Use Guide" means the document updated and approved bi-annually by the Board which sets forth management areas, the general rules and regulations governing public use, and any special provisions applicable thereto, and shall also include periodic supplements as to those management area lands referenced in 40E-7.521(6)(6b), above.

(10) "Recreation site" means an improved or unimproved site established to facilitate public use of a designated management area.

(11) "Recreational trail" means riding, hiking, canoeing, bicycling, or jogging trails for use by the public.

(12) "Primitive" camping means no amenities are available.

Specific Authority 373.019, 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.056, 373.069, 373.0693, 373.073, 373.079, 373.083, 373.103, 373.59 F.S. History--New 5-24-94, Amended 9-10-98.

40E-7.523 Access to Management Areas; Closures.

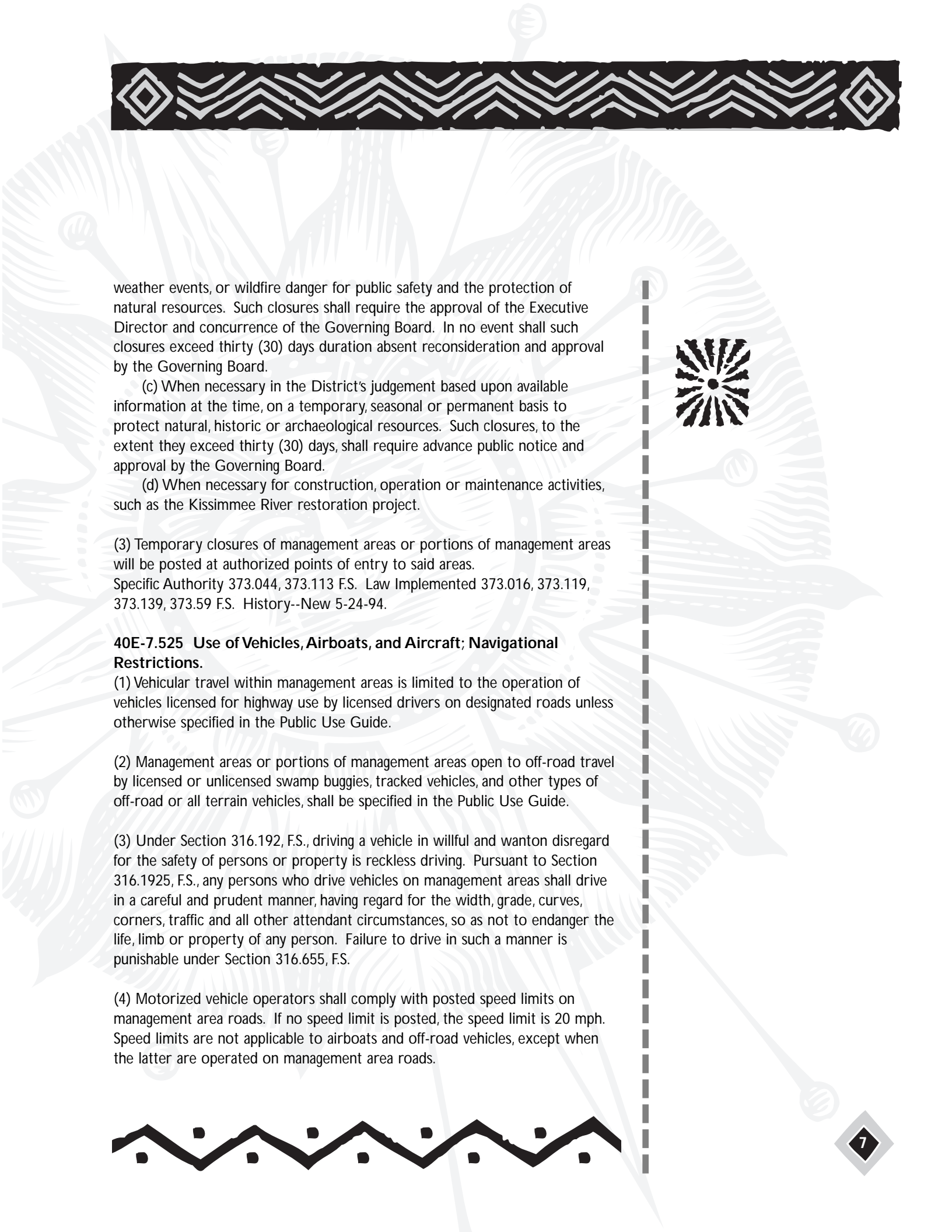

(1) Access to management areas by the general public is only authorized at designated entry points. Designated entry points for specific management areas shall be set forth in the Public Use Guide, or by specific provisions included in the Governing Board's designated boundary change to an existing management area or the Governing Board's creation of a new management area or management unit.

(2) Management areas or portions of management areas shall be closed to public use under the following conditions:

(a) When necessary for public safety such as during wildfires or prescribed burns.

(b) When necessary during emergency conditions such as floods, severe





weather events, or wildfire danger for public safety and the protection of natural resources. Such closures shall require the approval of the Executive Director and concurrence of the Governing Board. In no event shall such closures exceed thirty (30) days duration absent reconsideration and approval by the Governing Board.

(c) When necessary in the District's judgement based upon available information at the time, on a temporary, seasonal or permanent basis to protect natural, historic or archaeological resources. Such closures, to the extent they exceed thirty (30) days, shall require advance public notice and approval by the Governing Board.

(d) When necessary for construction, operation or maintenance activities, such as the Kissimmee River restoration project.

(3) Temporary closures of management areas or portions of management areas will be posted at authorized points of entry to said areas.

Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.119, 373.139, 373.59 F.S. History--New 5-24-94.

40E-7.525 Use of Vehicles, Airboats, and Aircraft; Navigational Restrictions.

(1) Vehicular travel within management areas is limited to the operation of vehicles licensed for highway use by licensed drivers on designated roads unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

(2) Management areas or portions of management areas open to off-road travel by licensed or unlicensed swamp buggies, tracked vehicles, and other types of off-road or all terrain vehicles, shall be specified in the Public Use Guide.

(3) Under Section 316.192, F.S., driving a vehicle in willful and wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is reckless driving. Pursuant to Section 316.1925, F.S., any persons who drive vehicles on management areas shall drive in a careful and prudent manner, having regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic and all other attendant circumstances, so as not to endanger the life, limb or property of any person. Failure to drive in such a manner is punishable under Section 316.655, F.S.

(4) Motorized vehicle operators shall comply with posted speed limits on management area roads. If no speed limit is posted, the speed limit is 20 mph. Speed limits are not applicable to airboats and off-road vehicles, except when the latter are operated on management area roads.





- (5) Bicycles, Horse-drawn carriages and buggies are considered motorized vehicles for the purpose of this rule except that the operators of these conveyances are not required to possess a valid driver's license.
- (6) Horses and other saddle animals are not considered to be vehicles for the purpose of this rule.

(7) Airboats may be operated in management area floodplains and littoral zones unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

(8) The take off or landing of either motorized or non-motorized conventional or model aircraft such as airplanes, helicopters, ultra lights, gliders, and hang gliders, on management units is prohibited unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

(9) Any restrictions to navigation established pursuant to state or federal law, applicable to management areas, shall be specified in the Public Use Guide and reasonably identified in the field by appropriate signs.

Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 316.192, 316.1925, 316.655, 373.016, 373.139, 373.59 F.S. History--New 5-24-94, Amended 9-10-98.

40E-7.526 Equestrian Activities; Use of Saddle Animals.

(1) Management areas open to equestrian activities and the use of saddle animals shall be specified in the Public Use Guide.

(2) Where authorized, the use of horses and other saddle animals shall be permitted on all designated roads, other roads, firebreaks, dikes, and ditch banks unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

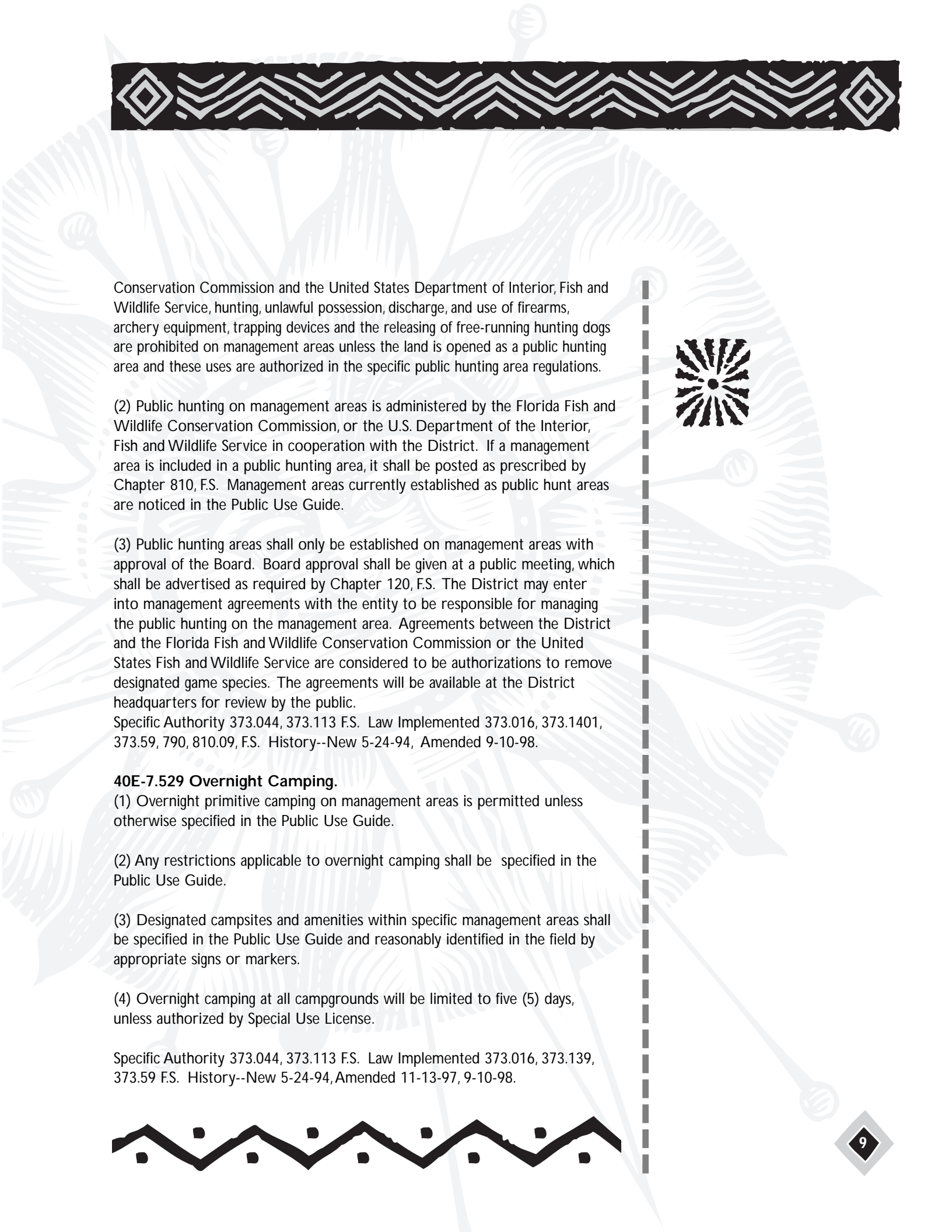

(3) The use of horses and other saddle animals on designated hiking trails shall be prohibited.

Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 316.192, 316.1925, 316.655, 373.016, 373.139, 373.59 F.S. History--New 5-24-94, Amended 9-10-98.

40E-7.527 Hunting; Possession and Use of Firearms.

(1) Consistent with Chapter 790, F.S., and other applicable provisions of local, state and federal law, such as the rules and regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife





Conservation Commission and the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, hunting, unlawful possession, discharge, and use of firearms, archery equipment, trapping devices and the releasing of free-running hunting dogs are prohibited on management areas unless the land is opened as a public hunting area and these uses are authorized in the specific public hunting area regulations.

(2) Public hunting on management areas is administered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with the District. If a management area is included in a public hunting area, it shall be posted as prescribed by Chapter 810, F.S. Management areas currently established as public hunt areas are noticed in the Public Use Guide.

(3) Public hunting areas shall only be established on management areas with approval of the Board. Board approval shall be given at a public meeting, which shall be advertised as required by Chapter 120, F.S. The District may enter into management agreements with the entity to be responsible for managing the public hunting on the management area. Agreements between the District and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service are considered to be authorizations to remove designated game species. The agreements will be available at the District headquarters for review by the public.

Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.1401, 373.59, 790, 810.09, F.S. History--New 5-24-94, Amended 9-10-98.

40E-7.529 Overnight Camping.

(1) Overnight primitive camping on management areas is permitted unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

(2) Any restrictions applicable to overnight camping shall be specified in the Public Use Guide.

(3) Designated campsites and amenities within specific management areas shall be specified in the Public Use Guide and reasonably identified in the field by appropriate signs or markers.

(4) Overnight camping at all campgrounds will be limited to five (5) days, unless authorized by Special Use License.

Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.139, 373.59 F.S. History--New 5-24-94, Amended 11-13-97, 9-10-98.





40E-7.532 Operating Hours.

Management areas shall be open to public use twenty-four (24) hours a day except during authorized closures as set forth in subsection 40E-7.523(2) above or unless otherwise specified in the Public Use Guide.

Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.119, 373.139, 373.59 F.S. History--New 5-24-94, Amended 9-10-98.

40E-7.534 Special Use Licenses.

(1) A Special Use License, issued at no cost to the public, shall be required to engage in select activities on management areas identified by the Governing Board during the bi-annual update of the Public Use Guide, as set forth in subsection 40E-7.521(8), above, when determined necessary to protect the natural resources of said areas, prevent overuse of facilities, or to avoid conflicts between users. Management Areas with Special Use License requirements, including the daily quota for each management area, shall be specified in the Public Use Guide.

(2) A Special Use Application and License shall be submitted to the District on Form #0830. Upon receipt of a properly completed Special Use Application and License Form #0830, the District's Department of Land Stewardship shall issue Special Use Licenses on a first come first served basis until the daily quota established by the District for that activity is reached.

(3) Special Use Licenses shall only be valid for the dates shown on the License and must be in the possession of the applicant while on the management area. If the applicant is a group, then the license must be in the possession of the designated group leader.

(4) Persons wishing to obtain a Special Use License, when required by the District, may apply in person, call, or write to request a copy of Special Use Application and License Form #0830 from the District at the following:

(a) Department of Land Stewardship
South Florida Water Management District
Post Office Box 24680
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680
Telephone: (561) 686-8800 or Florida WATS 1-800-432-2045;
or email Janetta Worth: jworth@sfwmd.gov or





(b) from the applicable service center as set forth in the special provisions for the specific management area.

(5) In the event the daily quota has been reached, the District shall notify the Special Use License applicant that the District intends to deny the application, and the applicant may request further consideration by the Governing Board.

(6) The Executive Director shall revoke a Special Use License if the licensee violates any provisions of this Rule or the Special Use License.

(7) Special Use Licenses shall be issued by the District's Land Stewardship Department in accordance with the provisions of this section, for the purpose of providing mobility impaired persons the opportunity to use motorized vehicles to access portions of the management areas not otherwise open to motorized vehicles. Licenses for this purpose will be issued upon request, including proof of mobility impairment, as long as the requested use will not adversely impact the resource, impair the safety and welfare of the user, interfere with the reasonable use by others, or result in substantial financial obligations by the District to accommodate the user. Proposed effective date: January 1, 2001

Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.139, 373.59 F.S. History--New 5-24-94, Amended 9-14-00.

40E-7.537 General Prohibitions.

The following shall be prohibited on all management areas.

(1) Parking a motor vehicle in an unauthorized location or in a manner blocking roads, levees, maintenance berms, gates, or water control structures.

(2) Discharging firecrackers, rockets, or any other fireworks.

(3) Pets, other than leashed dogs and service animals under the control of the owner. This prohibition does not apply to hunting dogs utilized in conjunction with an approved hunting program where the use of dogs is permitted.

(4) Destroying, defacing, or removing any natural feature or native plant, including the felling of dead trees.

(5) Destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, or disturbing in any manner any public building, tower, recorder, gage, sign, gate, fence, equipment, monument, marker, or other structure or improvement.





(6) Destroying or damaging scientific study plots, photo points, transect lines, or survey markers.

(7) Trespassing on, operating, or interfering with the operation of water control structures.

(8) Discharging or disposing of oil, gasoline, or other chemicals and wastes.

(9) Servicing or maintaining vehicles and equipment except when in conjunction with authorized recreational activities and allied purposes.

(10) Disposing of any garbage, including paper, cans, bottles, waste materials, and rubbish other than in containers provided for such disposition.

(11) Draining or dumping refuse or waste from any travel trailer, camper, mobile home or recreation vehicle other than in places or receptacles designated for such use.

(12) Cleaning fish, game, or food at potable watering stations or in rest rooms, or washing clothing or articles of household use at such facilities.

(13) Using refuse containers or other refuse facilities for disposal of household or commercial garbage or trash.

(14) Installing, erecting, or maintaining any unauthorized camp, building, structure, or sign.

(15) Building a fire other than in an authorized campsite or picnic area or outside of grills, fireplaces, or fire rings provided by the District or other authorized management agency for such purpose. This prohibition does not apply to portable campstoves or grills provided by the user.

(16) Selling or offering for sale any merchandise without the prior written consent of the District's Governing Board. Requests to the District for consent shall be made in writing, directed to the Land Stewardship Division - Land Management Department, and shall be submitted not less than 28 days prior to the regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting for consideration. Consideration to such consent shall be given at a regularly scheduled meeting of the District's Governing Board. Although the Board's analysis of requests to sell merchandise within a management area is primarily site specific in nature, consideration shall be given to such factors as: immediate and potential impact





on the environment, immediate and potential impact on members of the public using the management area, the size of the management area in relation to the area impacted by the proposed sale, and overall benefits to the public.

(17) Operating bicycles on trails closed to such use.

Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.139, 373.59 F.S. History--New 5-24-94, Amended 9-10-98.

40E-7.539 Penalties.

(1) Pursuant to Section 373.609, F.S., it shall be the duty of every state and county attorney, sheriff, police officer, and the appropriate city and county official to assist the District, and their agents, in the enforcement of the provisions of this rule.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this rule is subject to eviction from the premises and/or arrest and prosecution for a second degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in Section 775.082, or Section 775.083, F.S.

(3) The penalties identified in these rules do not supersede other penalties or options available to District such as civil remedies.

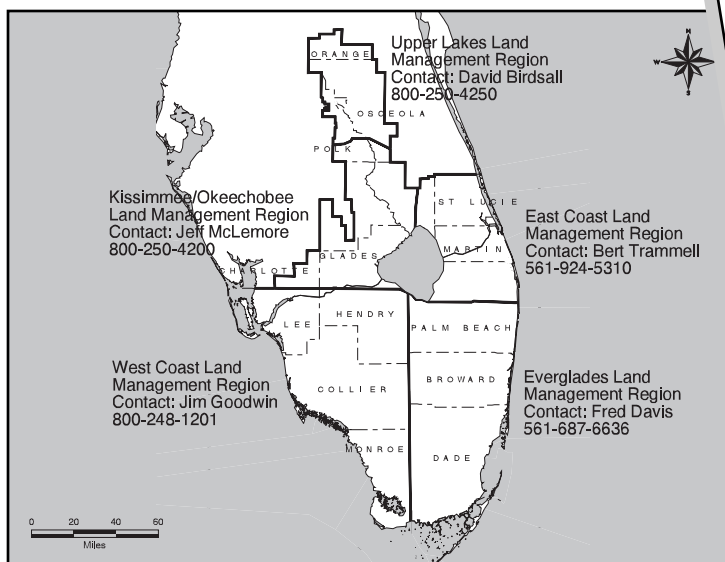
Specific Authority 373.044, 373.113 F.S. Law Implemented 373.016, 373.129, 373.59, 373.609, 373.613 F.S. History--New 5-24-94, Amended 9-10-98.





To request a form (#0830) please call the office nearest you shown in the map below. If you need further assistance, call or write the District at:

SFWMD
Land Stewardship Department
P.O. Box 24680
West Palm Beach, Florida 33416-4680
(561) 686-8800
FL WATS 1-800-432-2045
WEB SITE: <http://www.sfwmd.gov>



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL USE APPLICATION AND LICENSE
Form # 0830 (To be completed by applicant)

Applicant's Name: _____
Vehicle license # _____
Drivers license # _____
Address _____
Telephone No: _____
Requests permission to enter the _____
Management Area for the purpose of _____
Dates: From: _____ To: _____
Names of others participating in this activity (if more than one or a group):

..... (for District use only)

Number in party: _____
License issued on: _____
License effective on: _____
License void on: _____
Lock combination: _____
Signature of authorizing District official: _____ name
_____ title





Public Use Guide for Designated Land Management Areas

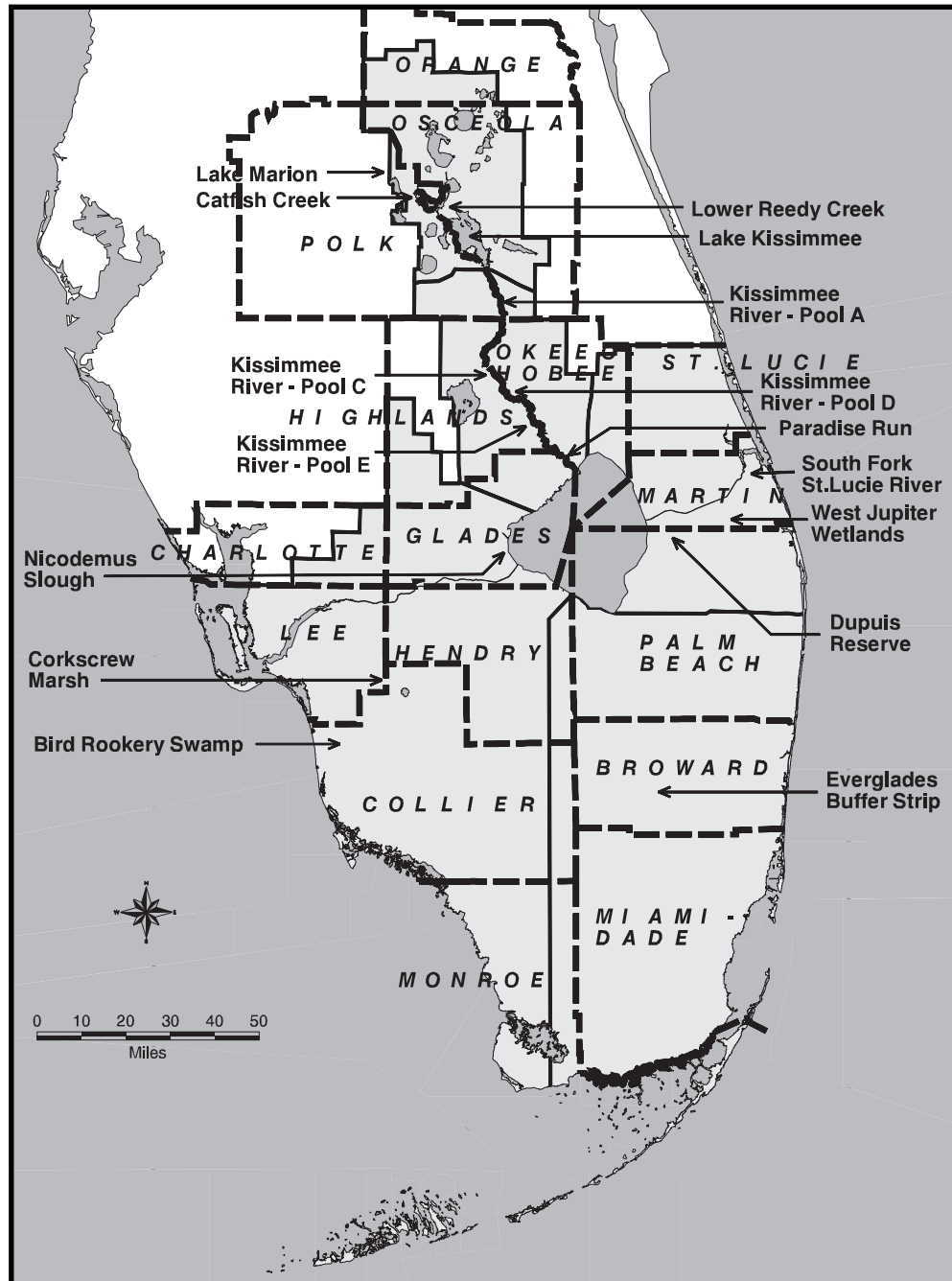
The general locations of the land management areas covered by this guide are located on the map on the following page. Maps for individual management areas follow with general information about the area and the special provisions governing public use.

In addition to the special provisions set forth herein, District Rule 40E-7, Part V, and the applicable rules and regulations of other federal, state and local agencies having jurisdiction on the management areas shall apply.

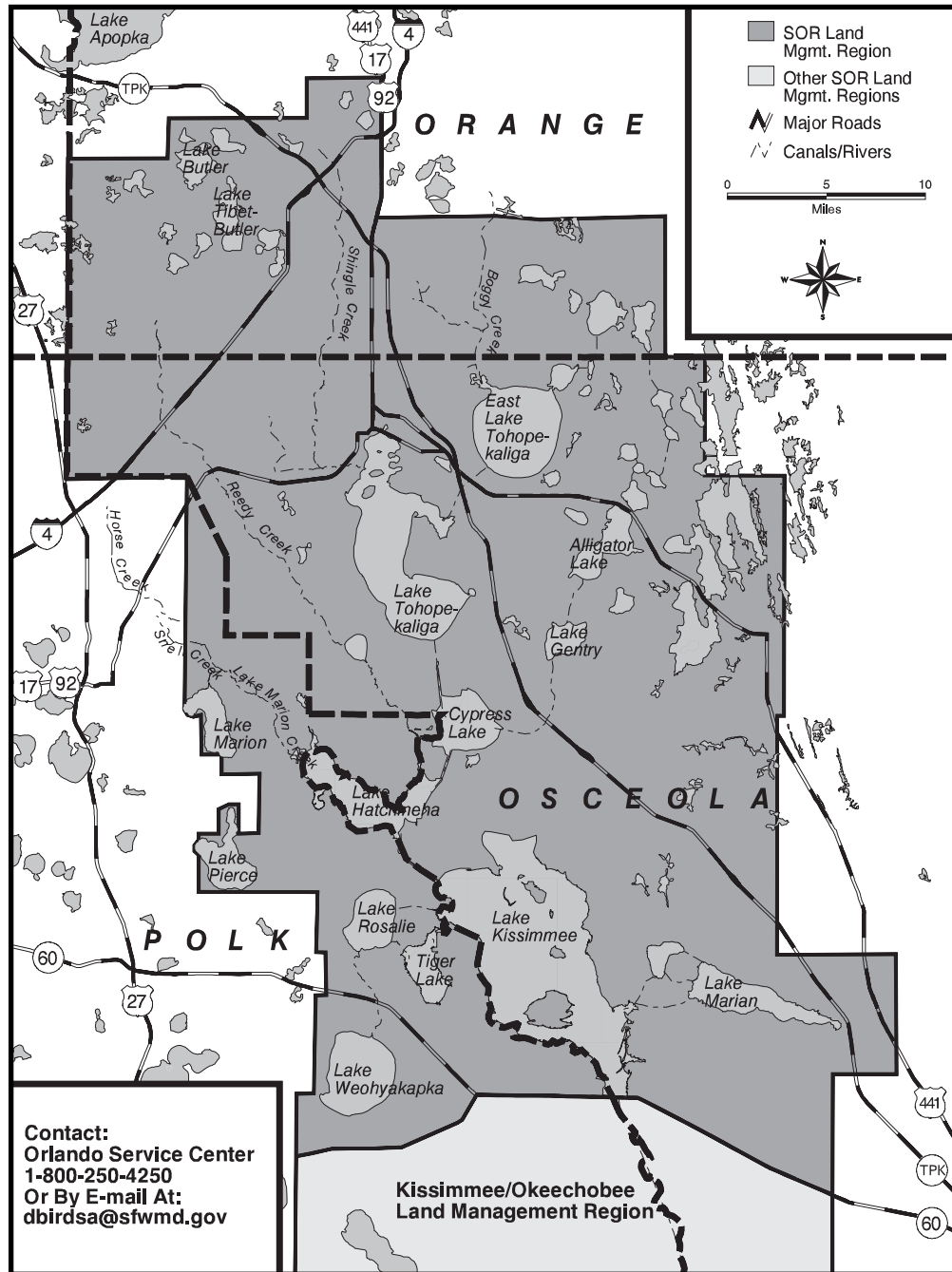



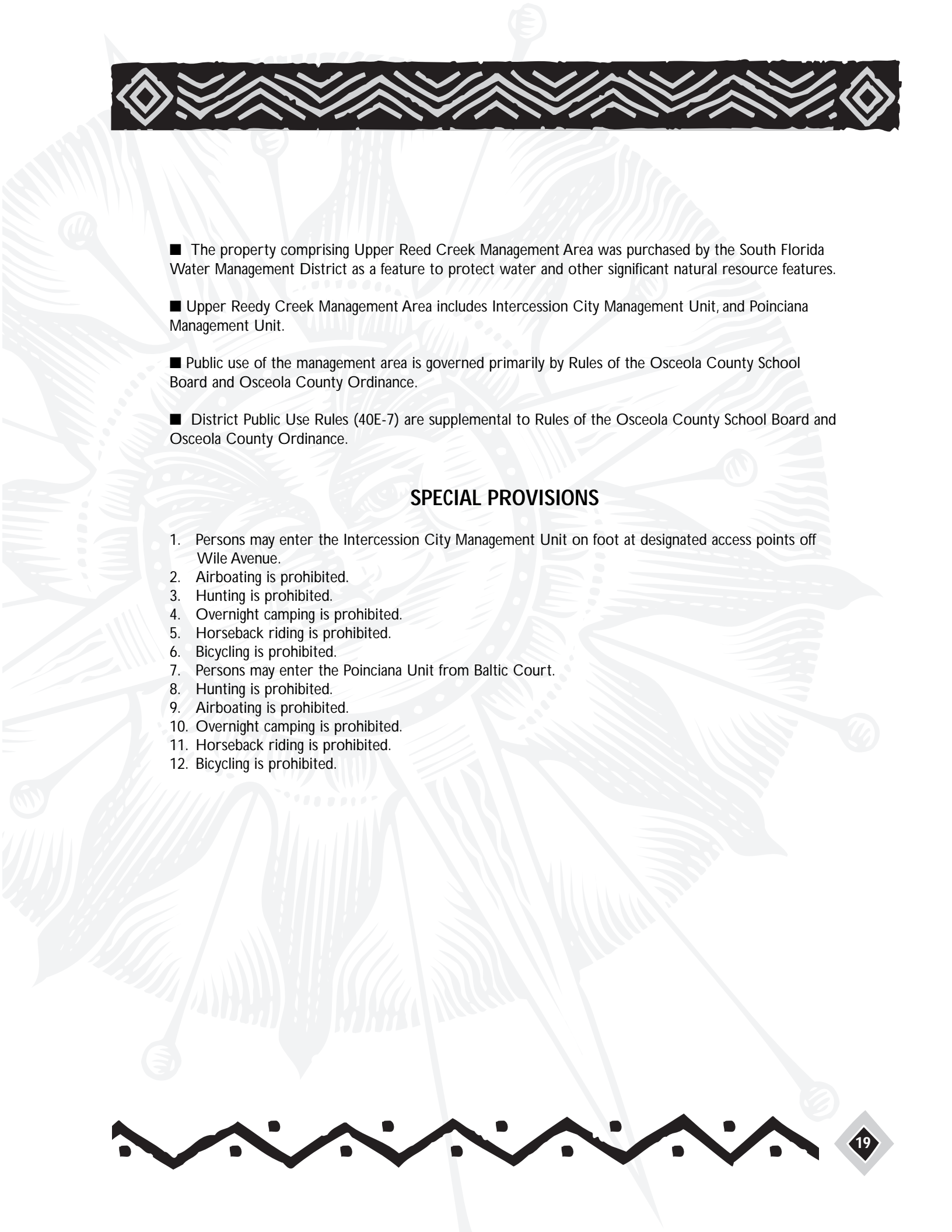


GENERAL LOCATION MAP



UPPER LAKES MANAGEMENT REGION



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- The property comprising Upper Reed Creek Management Area was purchased by the South Florida Water Management District as a feature to protect water and other significant natural resource features.
 - Upper Reedy Creek Management Area includes Intercession City Management Unit, and Poinciana Management Unit.
 - Public use of the management area is governed primarily by Rules of the Osceola County School Board and Osceola County Ordinance.
 - District Public Use Rules (40E-7) are supplemental to Rules of the Osceola County School Board and Osceola County Ordinance.

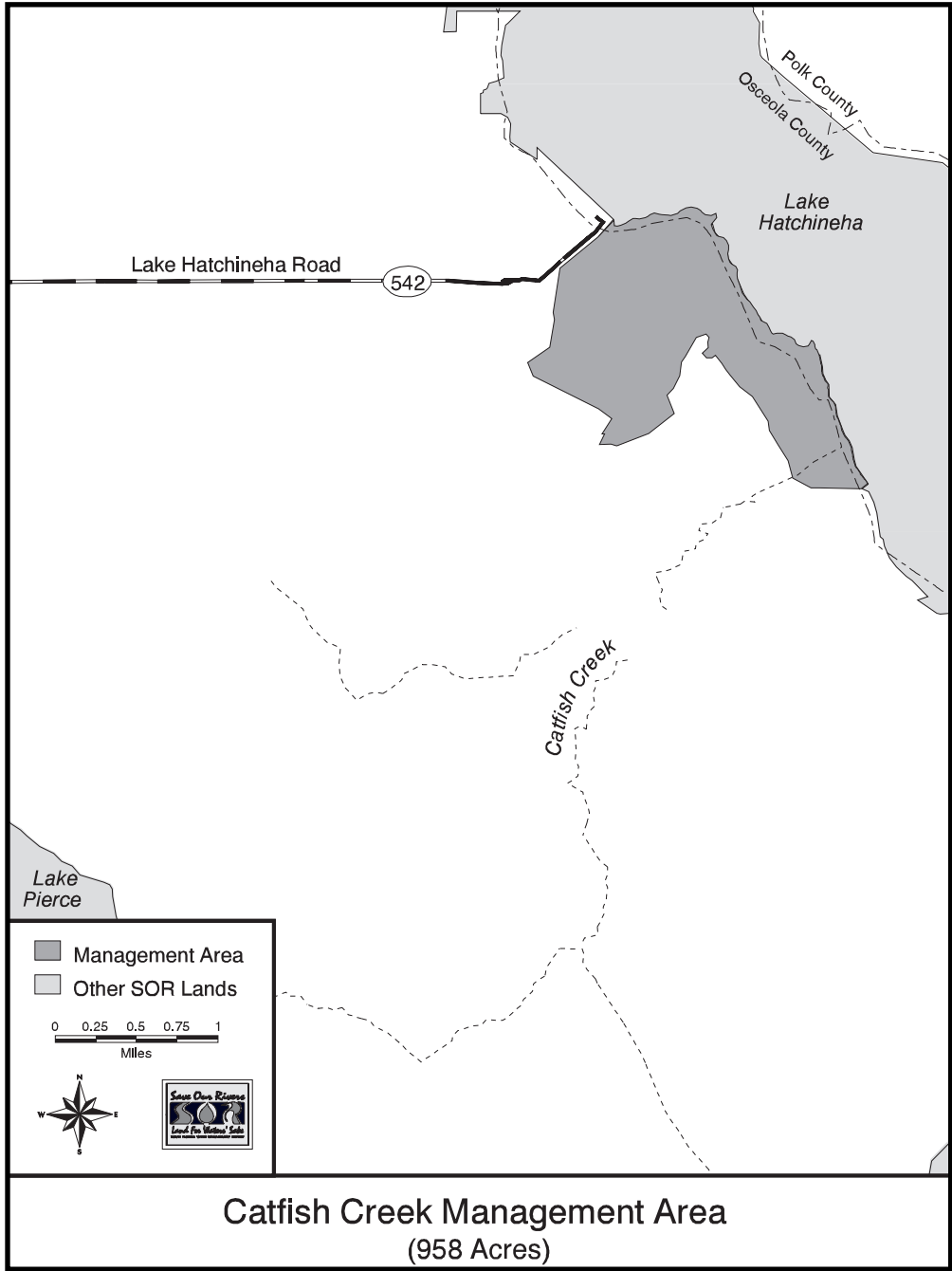
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Persons may enter the Intercession City Management Unit on foot at designated access points off Wile Avenue.
2. Airboating is prohibited.
3. Hunting is prohibited.
4. Overnight camping is prohibited.
5. Horseback riding is prohibited.
6. Bicycling is prohibited.
7. Persons may enter the Poinciana Unit from Baltic Court.
8. Hunting is prohibited.
9. Airboating is prohibited.
10. Overnight camping is prohibited.
11. Horseback riding is prohibited.
12. Bicycling is prohibited.



Catfish Creek Management Area

958 acres



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- The property comprising Catfish Creek Management Area was purchased by the South Florida Water Management District as a feature of the Kissimmee River Restoration.

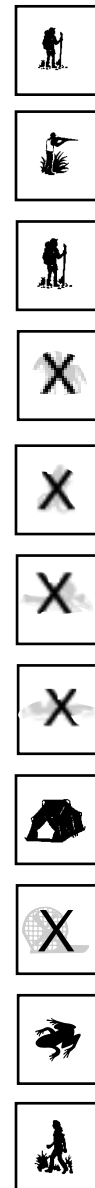
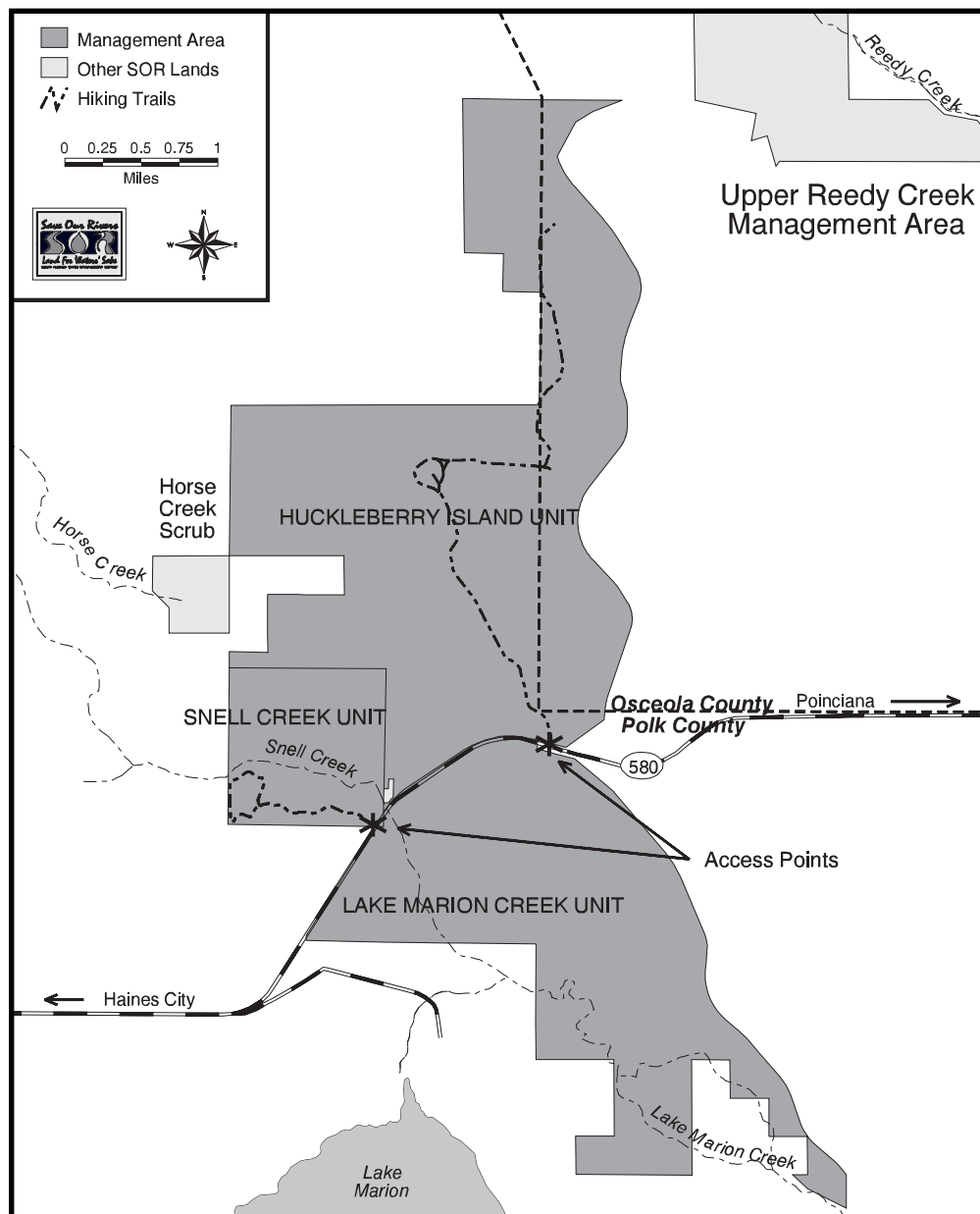
SPECIAL PROVISIONS


1. Persons may enter the management area from Lake Hatchineha.
2. The use or possession of saddle animals is prohibited.
3. Hunting is permitted and regulated by state law and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission rules. For information, contact the FWC Lakeland office at (863) 648-3200.
4. Airboating is prohibited within upland hammock areas and is regulated by state law and Polk County ordinance.



Lake Marion Creek Management Area

7,196 acres





■ The property comprising Lake Marion Creek Management Area was purchased by the South Florida Water Management District and Polk County as a feature to protect water and other significant natural resource features.

■ This area is managed as a Wildlife Management Area Type I by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

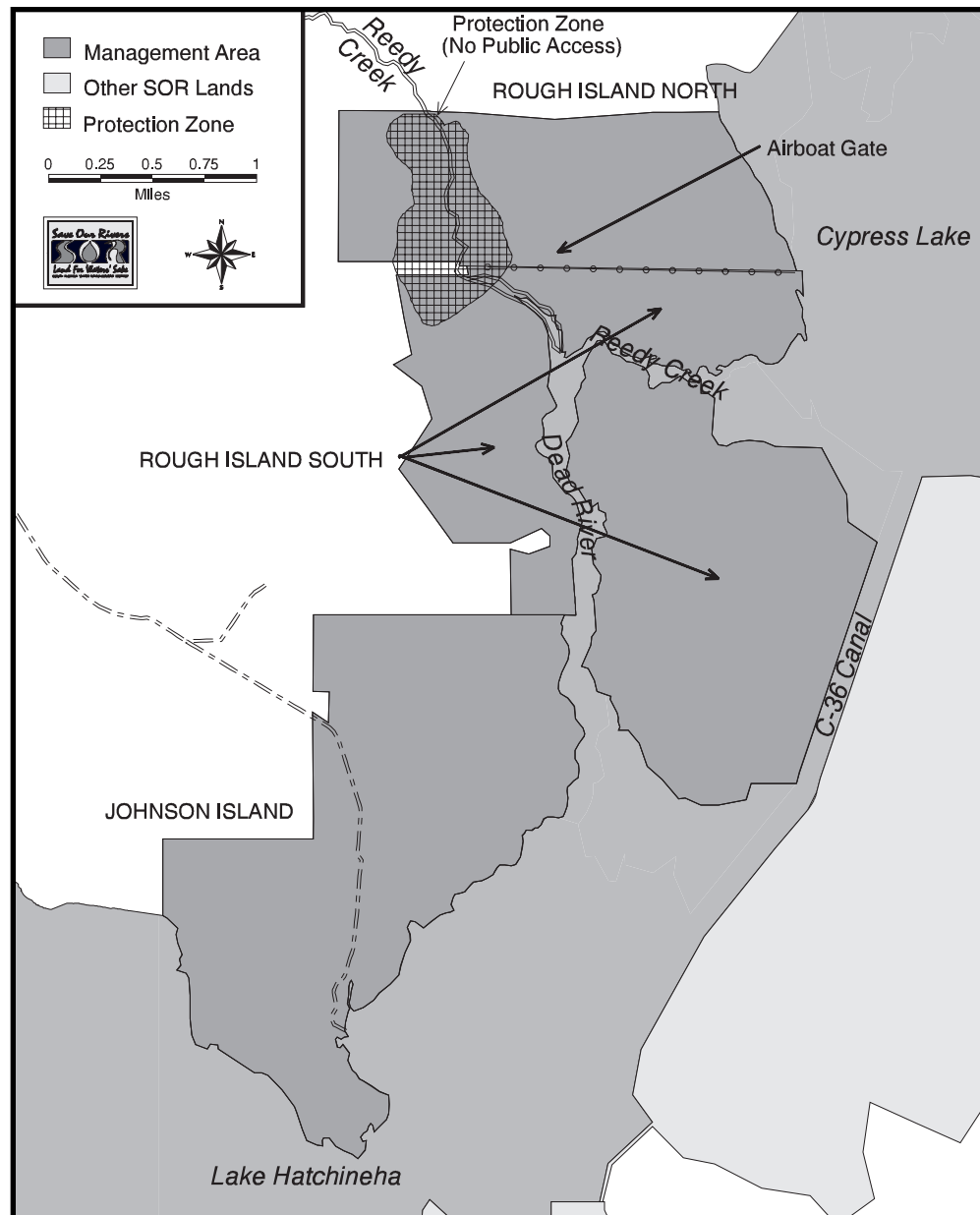
■ District Public Use Rules (40E-7) are supplemental to Rules of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.


SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Persons may enter the management area on foot at the designated access point off County Road 580, Horseshoe Creek Road, and Baltic Road.
2. Airboating is prohibited.
3. The use or possession of saddle animals is prohibited.
4. Bicycling is prohibited.
5. Overnight camping is allowed by special use license, which can be obtained from the District's Orlando Service Center at 1-(800) 250-4250.

Lower Reedy Creek Management Area

4,987 acres





■ Properties within the Lower Reedy Creek Management Area were purchased by the South Florida Water Management District as a feature of the Kissimmee River Restoration project. The Units are part of the headwaters of the Kissimmee-Lake Okeechobee-Everglades Ecosystem. Their purchase will serve a critical link in the restoration of the entire watershed.

■ The Lower Reedy Creek Management Area includes Rough Island Unit, and Johnson Island Unit.

■ Persons may enter the management area from Southport Rd., Lake Hatchineha, Lake Cypress, Dead River, Reedy Creek and Canal 36.

■ The former owner has retained the right to graze cattle on the Rough Island Unit through December 3, 2016.

■ The clearing of living or dead vegetative material from area waterways require appropriate permits.

■ A quota of (50) annual Special Use Licenses per year will be issued on a first come, first served bases. Any airboat user in Rough Island North must be in possession of a Special Use License while accessing the airboat trail in that area.

■ Special Use Licenses issued by the District at no cost may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, contact the District's Orlando Service Center at 1(800) 250-4250

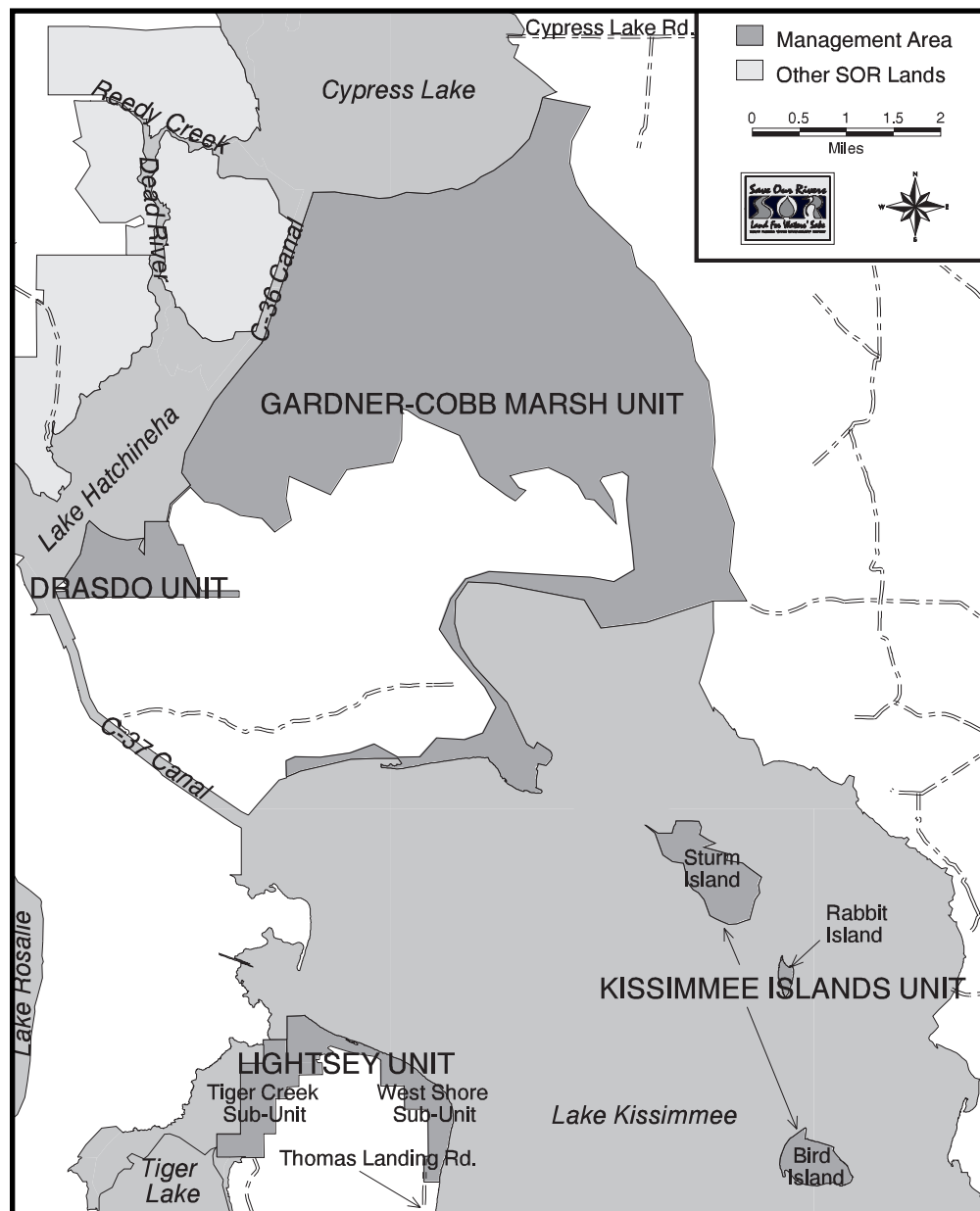
SPECIAL PROVISIONS


1. Hunting is prohibited beyond the blue District Management Area signs
2. Airboating is prohibited beyond the blue District Management Area signs.
3. Foot travel only is permitted beyond the blue District Management Area sign.
4. The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.
5. Horse back riding is permitted only when in possession of a Special Use License
6. Notwithstanding provisions 1 through 5 above, public access is prohibited from February 15 through August 15 within the posted areas generally located above the divergence of Reedy Creek and the Dead River. Public access to Rough Island North is permitted only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Users of this area must be in possession of a Special Use License, which can be obtained from the District's Orlando Service Center at 1(800) 250-4250 (see 40E-7.534 of the General Rules and Regulations). A quota of fifty (50) annual licenses has been established by the District for public access to Rough Island North.



Lake Kissimmee Management Area

12,902 acres





■ The properties comprising the Lake Kissimmee Management Area were purchased by the South Florida Water Management District as a feature of the Kissimmee River Restoration. The units are part of the headwaters of the Kissimmee-Lake Okeechobee-Everglades Ecosystem. Their purchase will serve to protect a critical link in the restoration of the entire watershed.

■ The Lake Kissimmee Management Area consists of: Gardner-Cobb Marsh Unit, Drasdo Unit, Kissimmee Island Unit and Lightsey Unit (Tiger Creek and West Short Subunits)

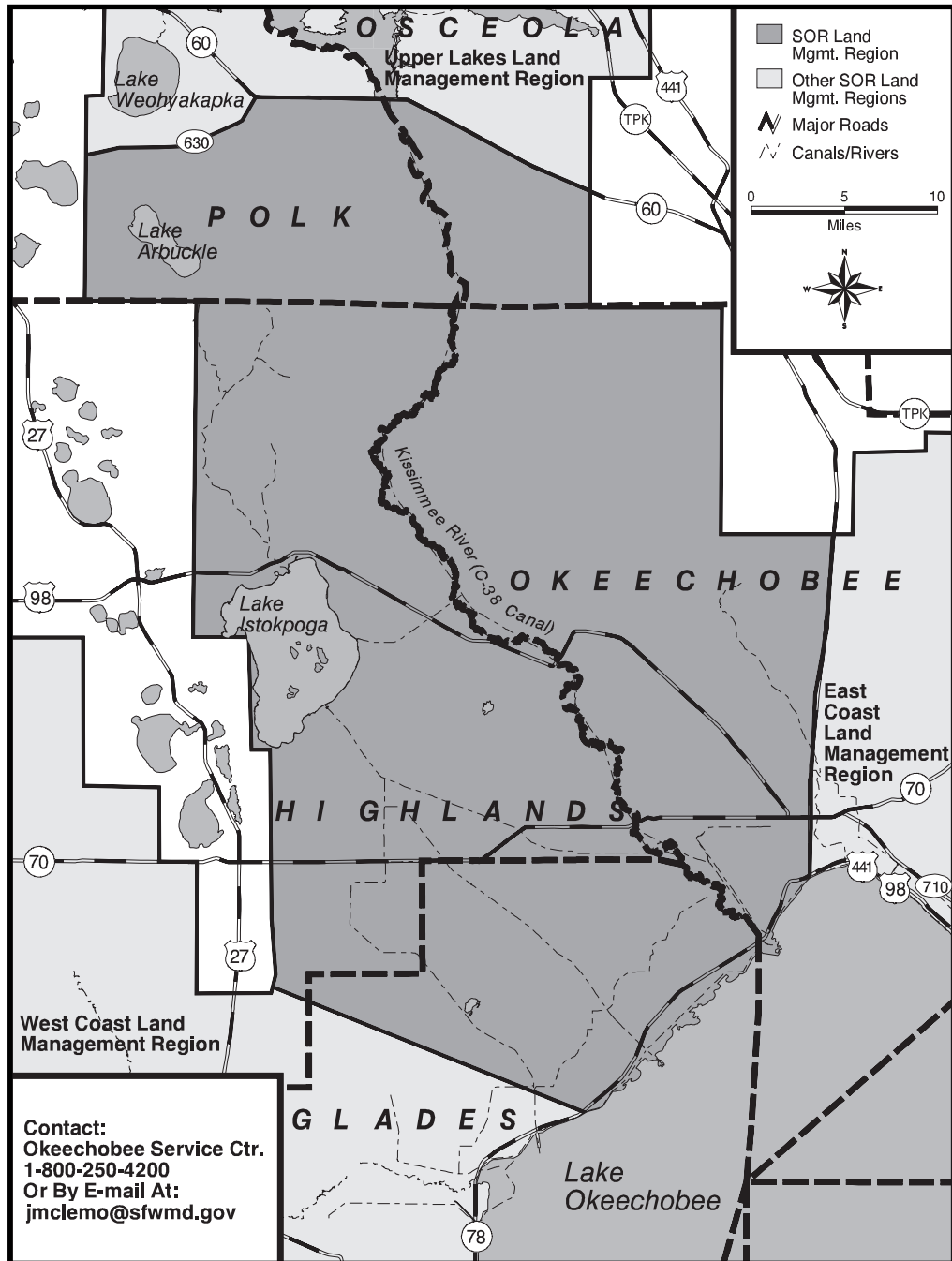
■ Persons may enter the management area from Cypress Lake, Lake Hatchineha, Lake Kissimmee, Canal 36 and from Thomas Landing Road.


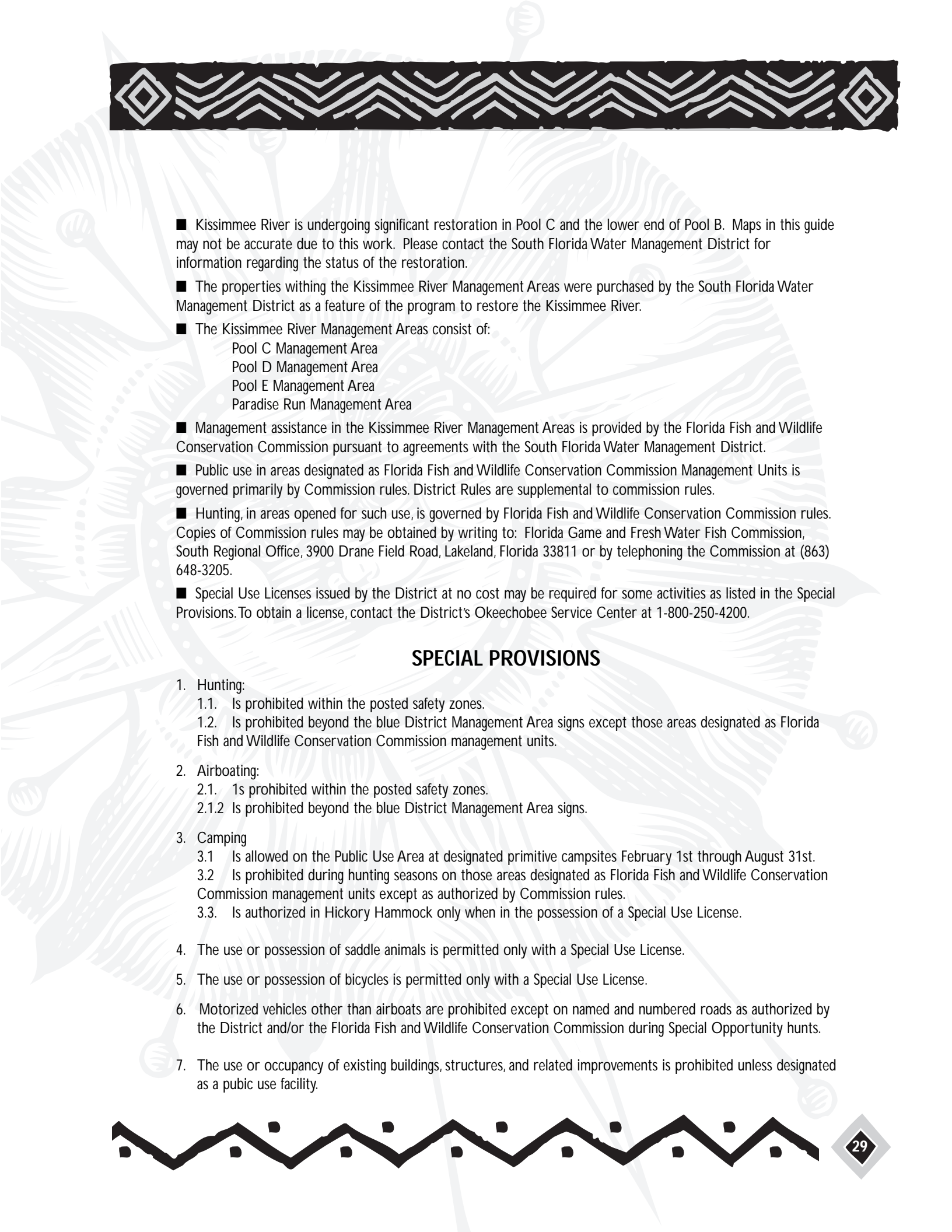
■ The former owner has retained the right to graze cattle on the Tiger Creek Unit through December 10, 2001 and on the West Shore Unit until December 31, 2018.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Hunting:
 - 1.1. Is prohibited in Ike Hammock and from improved roadways in the Gardner-Cobb Marsh Unit.
 - 1.2. Is prohibited in the Drasdo and Lightsey Units beyond the blue District Management Area signs.
2. Airboating:
 - 2.1.1 Is prohibited on or across improved roadways or within hammock areas, except that airboats may cross the main grade at the designated crossing points, in the Gardner Cobb Marsh Unit.
 - 2.1.2 Is prohibited in the Drasdo and Lightsey Units beyond the blue District Management Areas signs.
3. The use or possession of saddle animals is allowed only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
4. Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited.
5. The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.

KISSIMMEE/OKEECHOBEE MANAGEMENT REGION



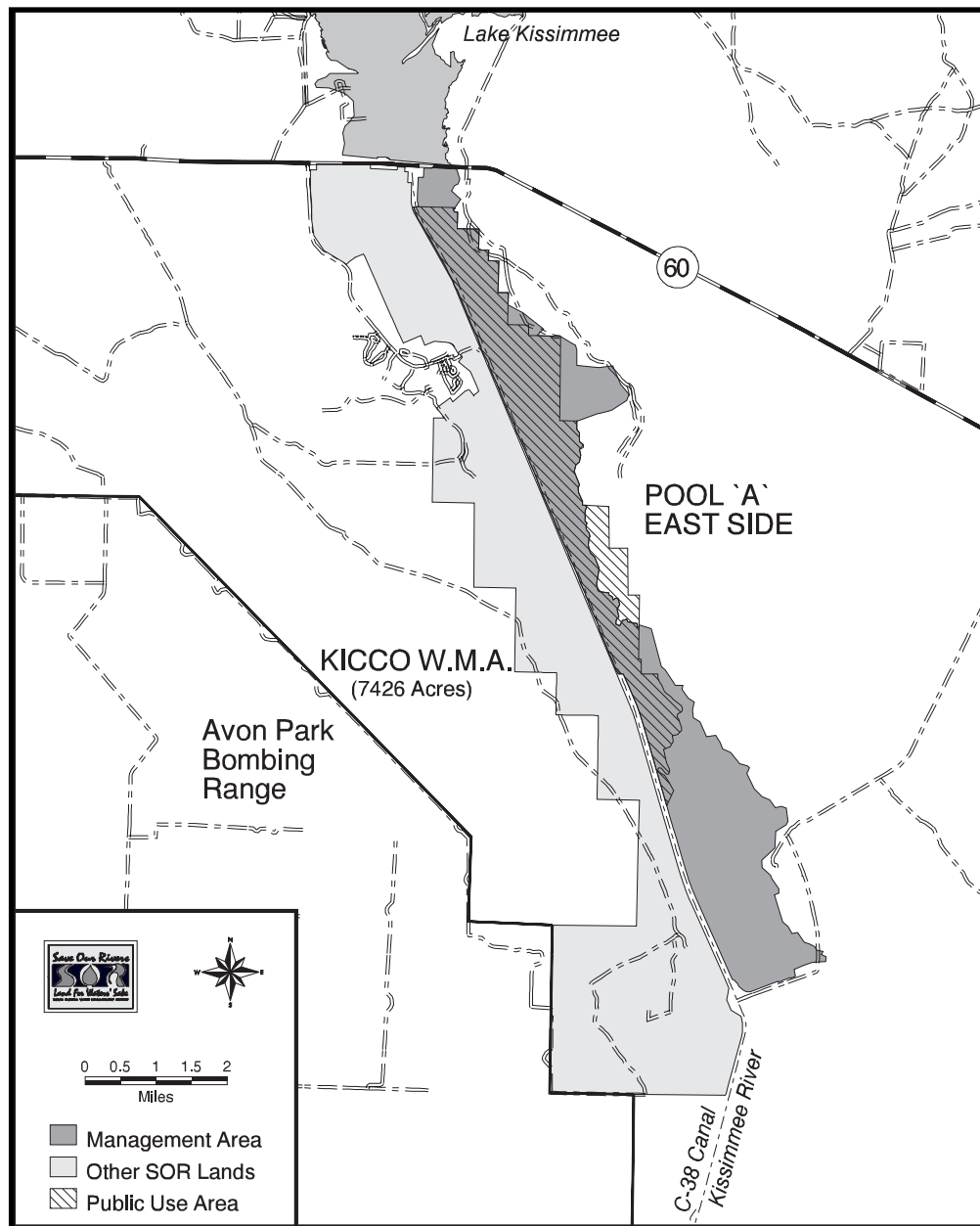
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- Kissimmee River is undergoing significant restoration in Pool C and the lower end of Pool B. Maps in this guide may not be accurate due to this work. Please contact the South Florida Water Management District for information regarding the status of the restoration.
 - The properties withing the Kissimmee River Management Areas were purchased by the South Florida Water Management District as a feature of the program to restore the Kissimmee River.
 - The Kissimmee River Management Areas consist of:
 - Pool C Management Area
 - Pool D Management Area
 - Pool E Management Area
 - Paradise Run Management Area
 - Management assistance in the Kissimmee River Management Areas is provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission pursuant to agreements with the South Florida Water Management District.
 - Public use in areas designated as Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Management Units is governed primarily by Commission rules. District Rules are supplemental to commission rules.
 - Hunting, in areas opened for such use, is governed by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission rules. Copies of Commission rules may be obtained by writing to: Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, South Regional Office, 3900 Drane Field Road, Lakeland, Florida 33811 or by telephoning the Commission at (863) 648-3205.
 - Special Use Licenses issued by the District at no cost may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, contact the District's Okeechobee Service Center at 1-800-250-4200.


SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Hunting:
 - 1.1. Is prohibited within the posted safety zones.
 - 1.2. Is prohibited beyond the blue District Management Area signs except those areas designated as Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission management units.
2. Airboating:
 - 2.1. Is prohibited within the posted safety zones.
 - 2.1.2 Is prohibited beyond the blue District Management Area signs.
3. Camping
 - 3.1 Is allowed on the Public Use Area at designated primitive campsites February 1st through August 31st.
 - 3.2 Is prohibited during hunting seasons on those areas designated as Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission management units except as authorized by Commission rules.
 - 3.3. Is authorized in Hickory Hammock only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
4. The use or possession of saddle animals is permitted only with a Special Use License.
5. The use or possession of bicycles is permitted only with a Special Use License.
6. Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited except on named and numbered roads as authorized by the District and/or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission during Special Opportunity hunts.
7. The use or occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.

Pool A Management Area

12,164 acres

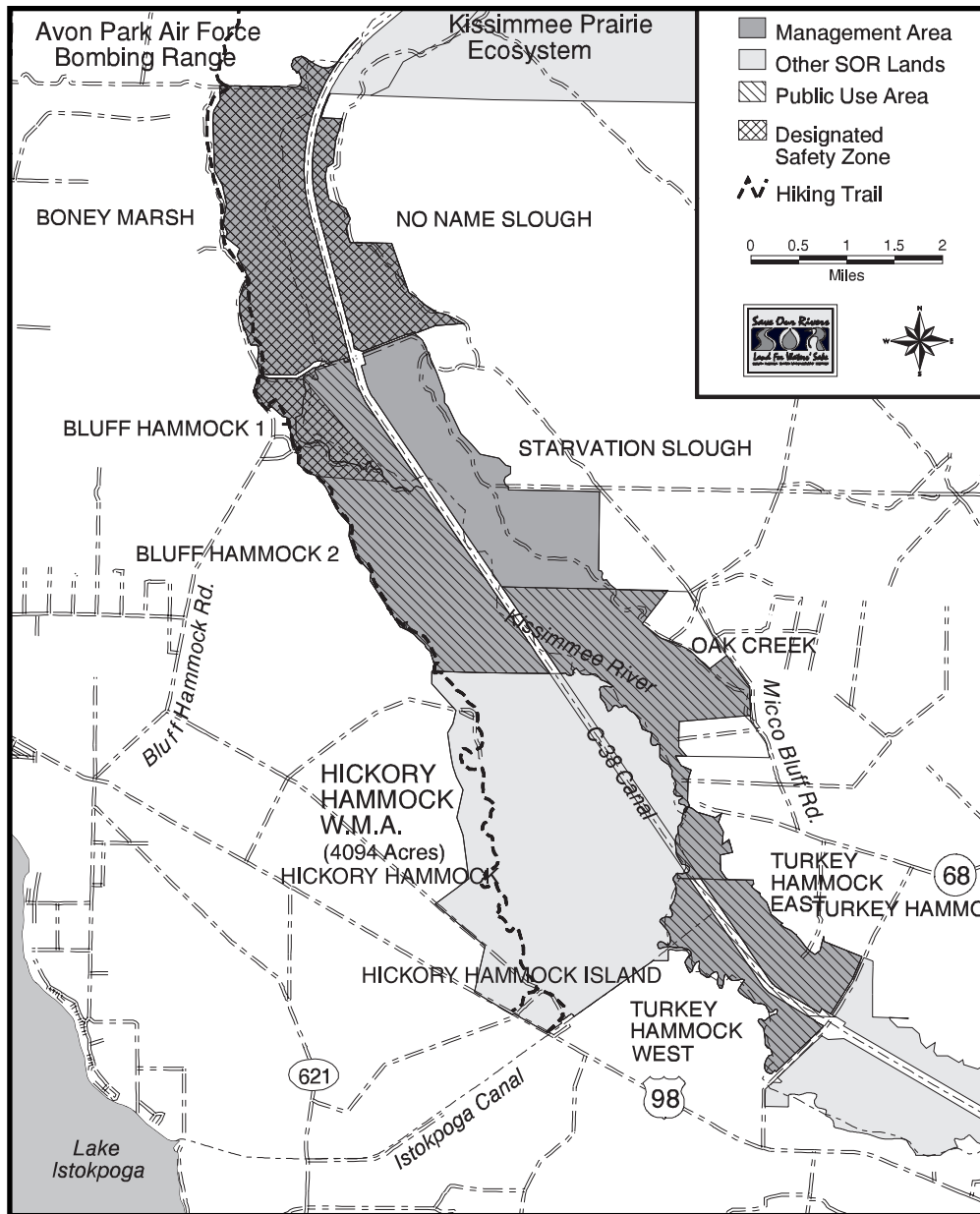


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- The property comprising Pool A was purchased by the South Florida Water Management District as a feature of the program to restore the Kissimmee River.
 - Pool A includes the KICCO unit (7426 acres) and the Pool A East Side unit.(4738 acres).
 - The Pool A East Side Unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Kissimmee River Public Use Area. Public use is governed primarily by Commission rules.
 - Public use of the KICCO unit is governed primarily by Wildlife Management Area Type I rules of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
 - Interim management of the native range on KICCO is being provided by the private sector under a grazing lease.
 - District Public Use Rules are supplemental to rules of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Copies of the Commission's regulations may be obtained by writing to: Florida Fish and Wildlife conservation Commission, 3900 Drane Field Road Lakeland, Florida 33811 or by telephoning (863) 648-3205.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Persons may enter the Kicco Management unit from the Kissimmee River and from designated public access points at public roadways.
2. A section of the Florida National Scenic Trail extends through the management unit.
3. Persons may enter the Pool A East Management unit from the Kissimmee River.
4. The use or possession of saddle animals is allowed only when in possession of a Special Use License.
5. Airboating is prohibited on the Kicco unit. In the Pool A East Side unit airboating is prohibited beyond the blue District Management Area signs.
6. Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas from February 1 through August 31 of each year or by Special Use License.
7. Bicycling is permitted only when in possession of a Special Use License.
8. Motorized vehicles other than airboats are prohibited except on named and numbered roads as authorized by the District and/or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
9. The use of occupancy of existing buildings, structures, and related improvements is prohibited unless designated as a public use facility.

Kissimmee River Pool C Management Area 14,041 acres





No Name Slough Unit (608 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission-Kissimmee River Public Use Area. Public use is governed primarily by Commission rules.
- There are no public roads providing access to the Unit. Persons may enter the unit from the Kissimmee River.
- The former owners have retained the right to graze cattle on portions of the management area under two separate leases that expire on January 28, 2001.

Boney Marsh Unit (1,967 acres)

- This unit is a part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Kissimmee River Public Use Area. Public use is governed primarily by Commission Rules.
- An official section of the Florida National Scenic Trail extends through the Unit.
- Persons may enter the management area from any point along Canal 38, the S-65B Access Road, and from the Avon Park Air Force Range via the Florida National Scenic Trail.

Bluff Hammock Units I & II (2116 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission-Kissimmee River Public Use Area. Public use is governed primarily by commission rules.
- The use or possession of saddle animals is prohibited.

Starvation Slough Unit (858 acres)

- There are no public roads providing access to the Unit. Persons may enter the unit on foot from Canal 38, the Kissimmee River, and the Oak Creek Management Unit
- Hunting is not allowed on this unit under conditions of the sales agreement.

Oak Creek Unit (1,804 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Kissimmee River Public Use Area. Public use is governed primarily by Commission Regulations.
- Persons may enter the unit on foot from the Kissimmee River, Micco Bluff Road, and the Starvation Slough Management Unit.

Hickory Hammock Unit (4,094 acres)

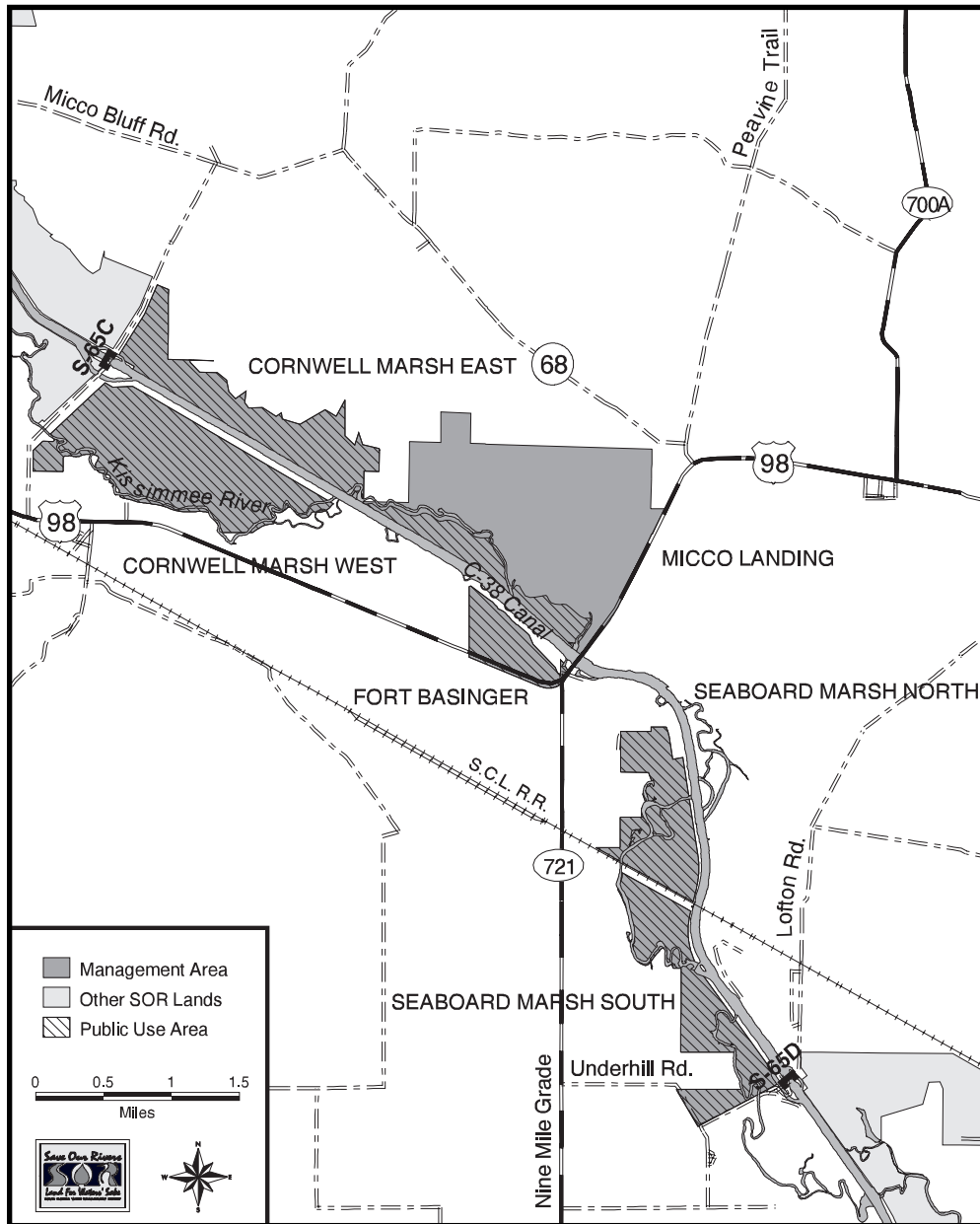
- This unit is part of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission-Kissimmee River Wildlife Management Area. Public use is governed primarily by Commission regulations.
- Persons may enter the unit on foot from the Istokpoga Canal, Kissimmee River, Canal 38, S-65C access road, and at the main trailhead off of U.S. Hwy. 98.

Turkey Hammock Unit (372 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission Kissimmee River Wildlife Management Area. Public use is governed primarily by Commission rules.
- Persons may enter the unit on foot from Canal 38 or Micco Bluff Road.



Kissimmee River Pool D Management Area 5,391 acres





Cornwell Marsh East Unit (463 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission-Kissimmee River Public Use Area.
- Persons may enter the unit from Canal 38 and the Kissimmee River.
- The former owner has retained the right to graze cattle on the property until January 28, 2002.

Cornwell Marsh West Unit (424 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission-Kissimmee River Public Use Area.
- Persons may enter the management unit from Canal 38, the Kissimmee River, and the S-65C Access Road
- The former owner has retained the right to graze cattle on a portion of the unit until January 29, 2002.

Micco Landing Unit (1,550 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission-Kissimmee River Public Use Area.
- Persons may enter the unit off of U.S. Hwy. 98, the Kissimmee River and Canal 38.
- The former owner has retained the right to graze cattle on the unit until February 20, 2002.

Chandler Slough, Units I & II (1,093 acres)

- Persons may enter the unit from Canal 38 and the Kissimmee River.
- Hunting and airboating are prohibited.

Seaboard Marsh North Unit (338 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission-Kissimmee River Public Use Area.
- Persons may enter the unit from Canal 38, the Kissimmee River and from adjacent management units

Seaboard Marsh South Unit (510 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission-Kissimmee River Public Use Area.
- Persons may enter the unit on from Canal 38, the Kissimmee River, Underhill Road and the S-65D access road.

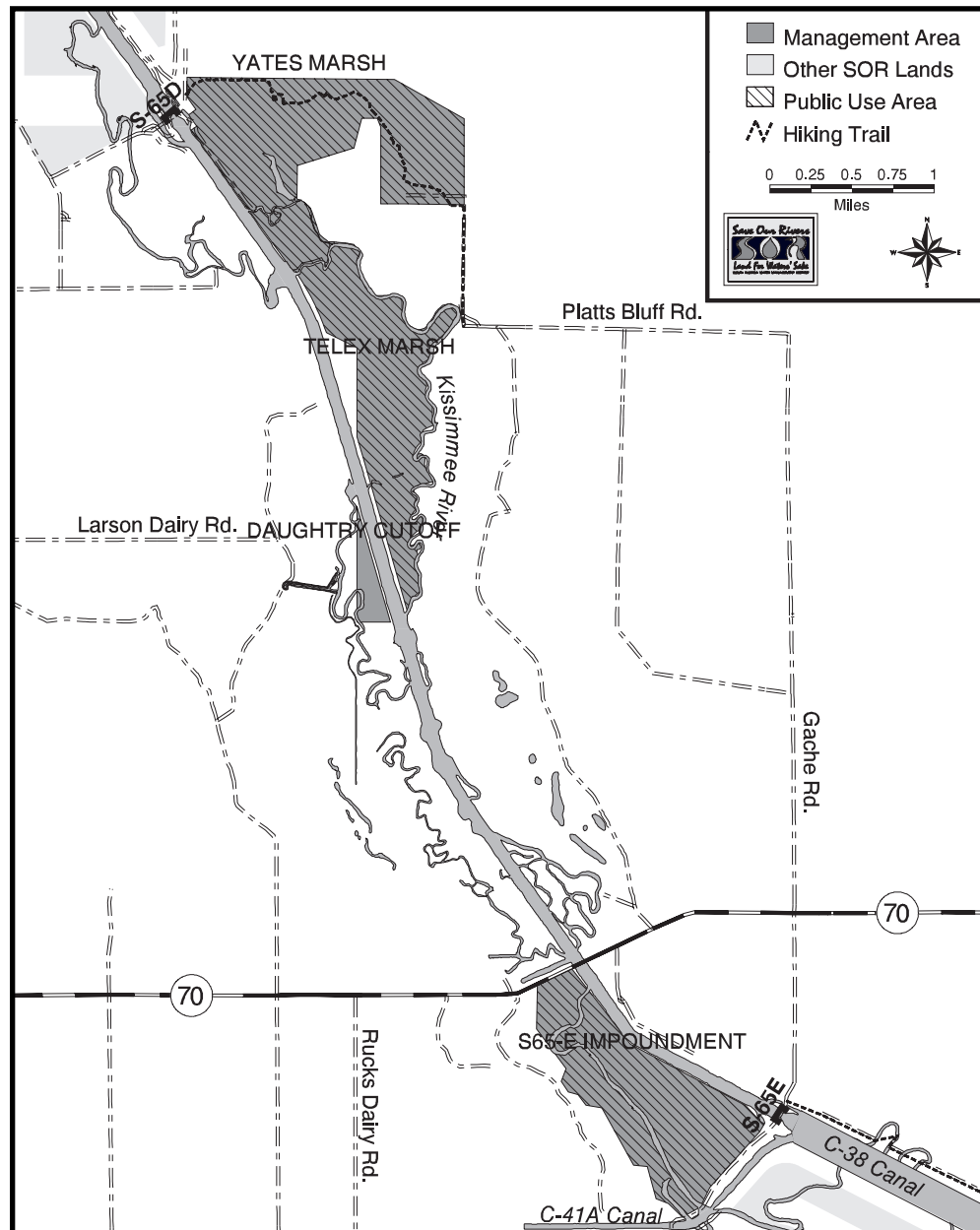
Basinger (North of 98) Unit (208 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission-Kissimmee River Public Use Area.
- Public use is governed primarily by Commission Rules. Persons may enter the unit from State Road 98 or the Kissimmee River.





Kissimmee River Pool E Management Area 2,073 acres





Yates Marsh Unit (684 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Kissimmee River Public Use Area. Public use is governed primarily by Commission Rules.
- Persons may enter the unit from Plattis Bluff Road, Lofton Road, the Kissimmee River, and Canal 38.

Telex Marsh Unit (479 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Kissimmee River Public Use Area. Public use is governed primarily by Commission Rules.
- Persons may enter the unit from Canal 38 and the Kissimmee River.

Platts Bluff Unit (20 acres)

- Persons may enter the unit from the Kissimmee River and from Platts Bluff Road (599).

Daughtry Cutoff Unit (47 acres)

- Persons may enter the unit from Canal 38 and the Kissimmee River.

Maple River Unit (23 acres)

- Persons may enter the unit from Maple River and from Canal 38.

70-N Marsh Unit (31 acres)

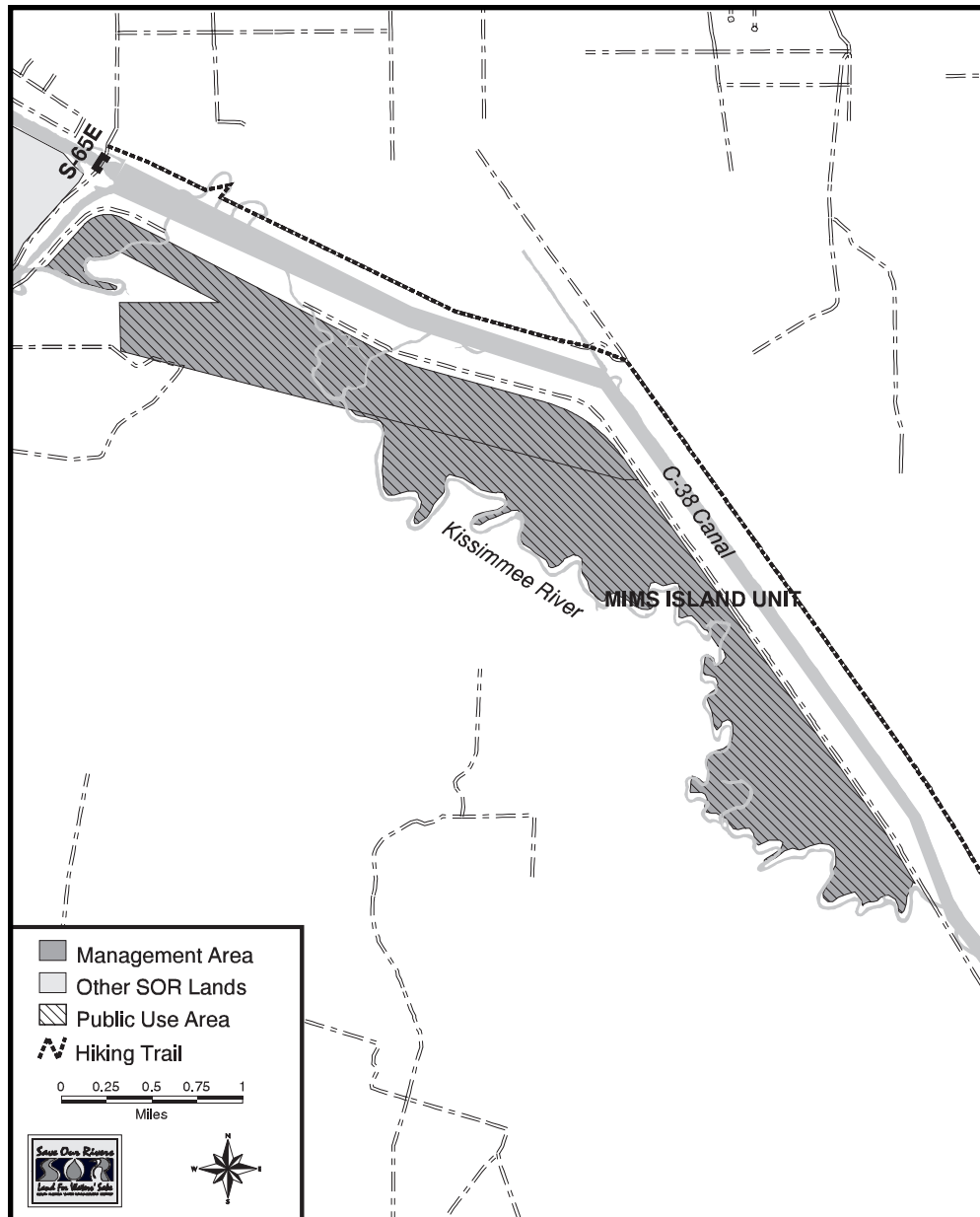
- Persons may enter the unit on foot from S.R. 70 and from the Kissimmee River.

S-65E Impoundment Unit (789 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Kissimmee River Public Use Area. Public use is governed primarily by Commission Rules.
- Persons may enter the unit from Canal 38, Canal 41-A and the Kissimmee River.



Kissimmee River Paradise Run Management Area 1,820 acres





M-2 Marsh Unit (779 acres)

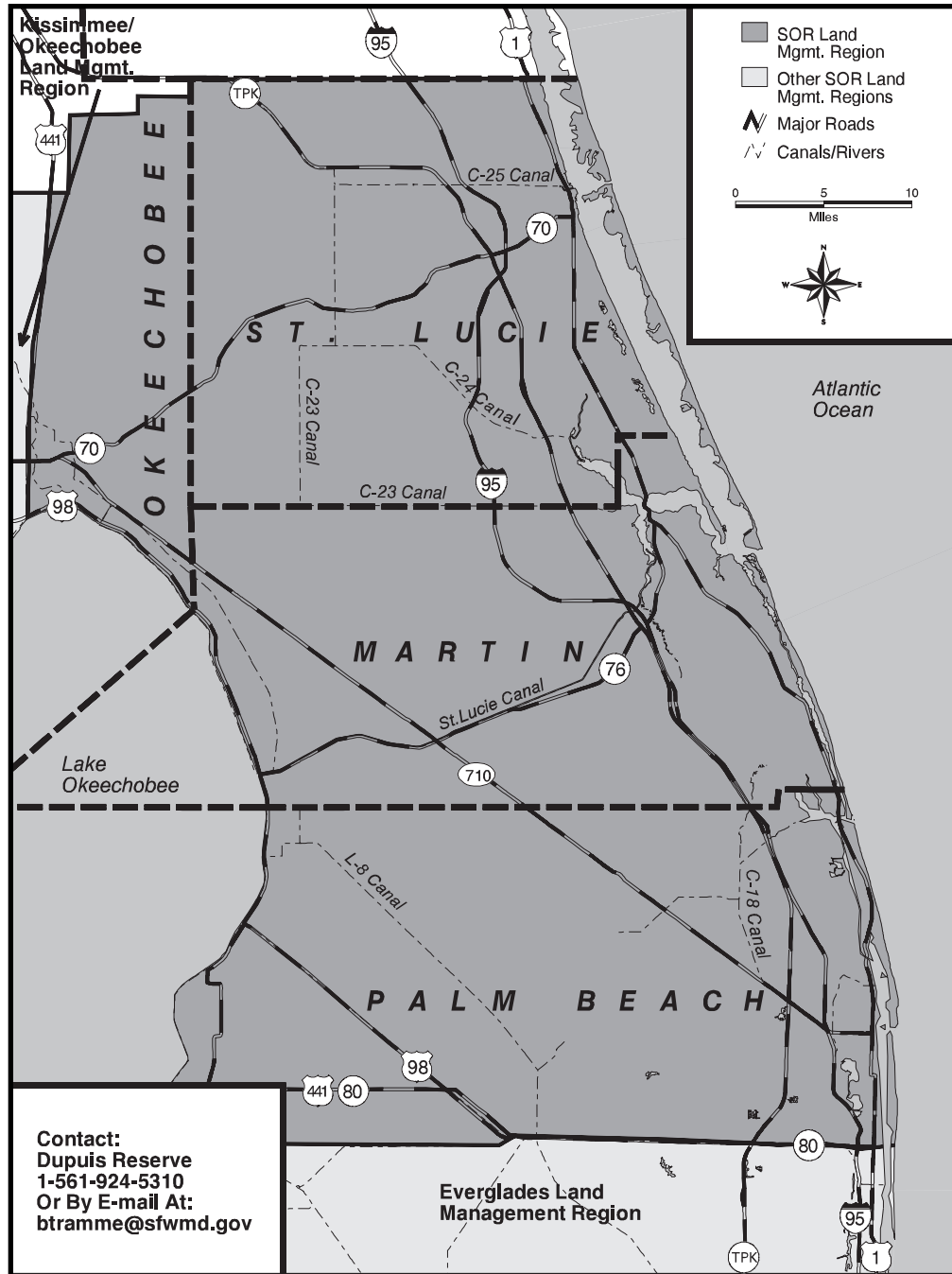
- This unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Kissimmee River Public Use Area.
- Public use is governed primarily by Commission Rules.
- Persons may enter the unit from Canal 38 and the Kissimmee River. The former owner has retained the right to graze cattle on the unit until June 28, 2001.

Mims Island Unit (1,041 acres)

- This unit is part of the Florida the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Kissimmee River Public Use Area.
- Public use is governed primarily by Commission Rules.
- Persons may enter the unit from Canal 38 and the Kissimmee River.

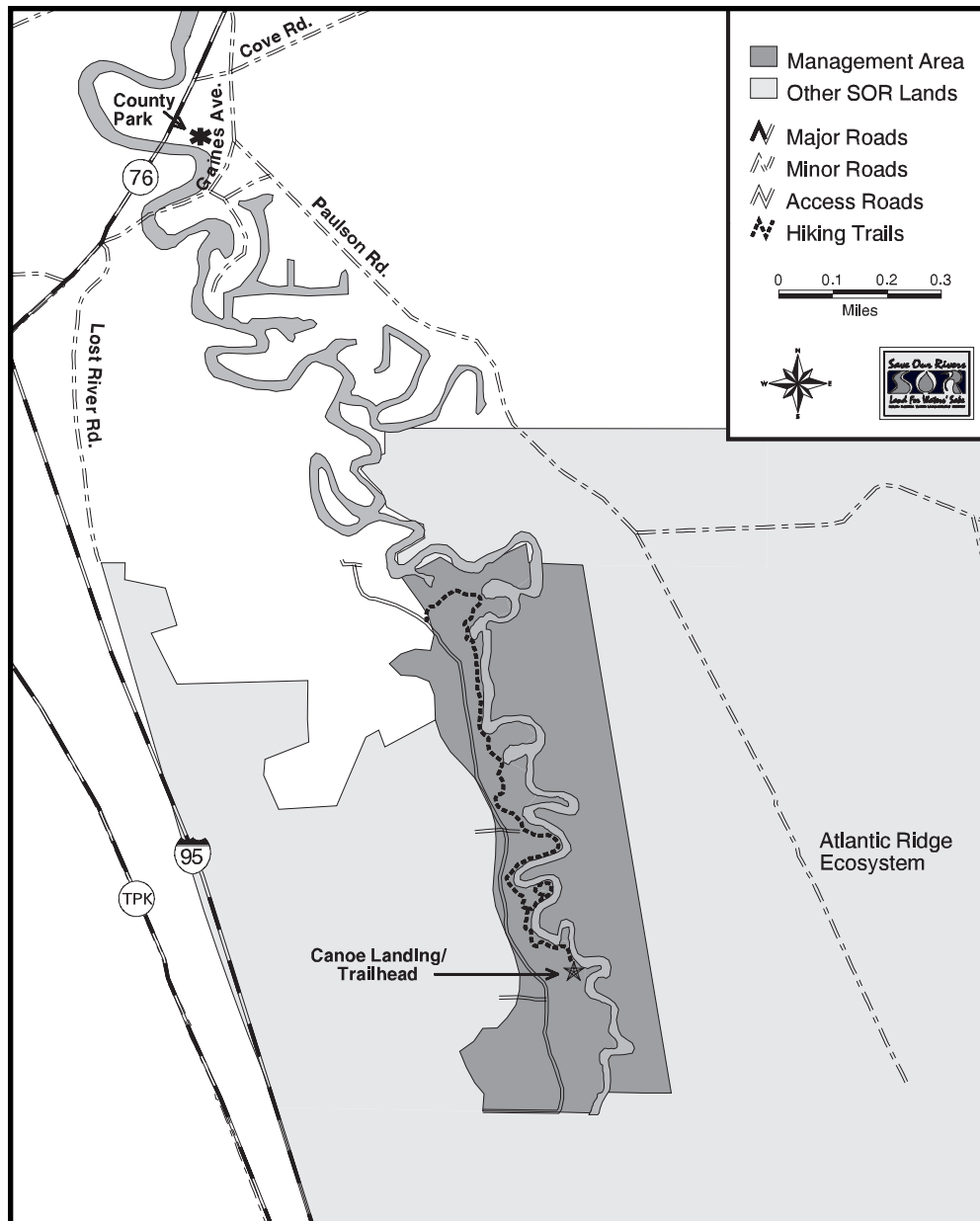



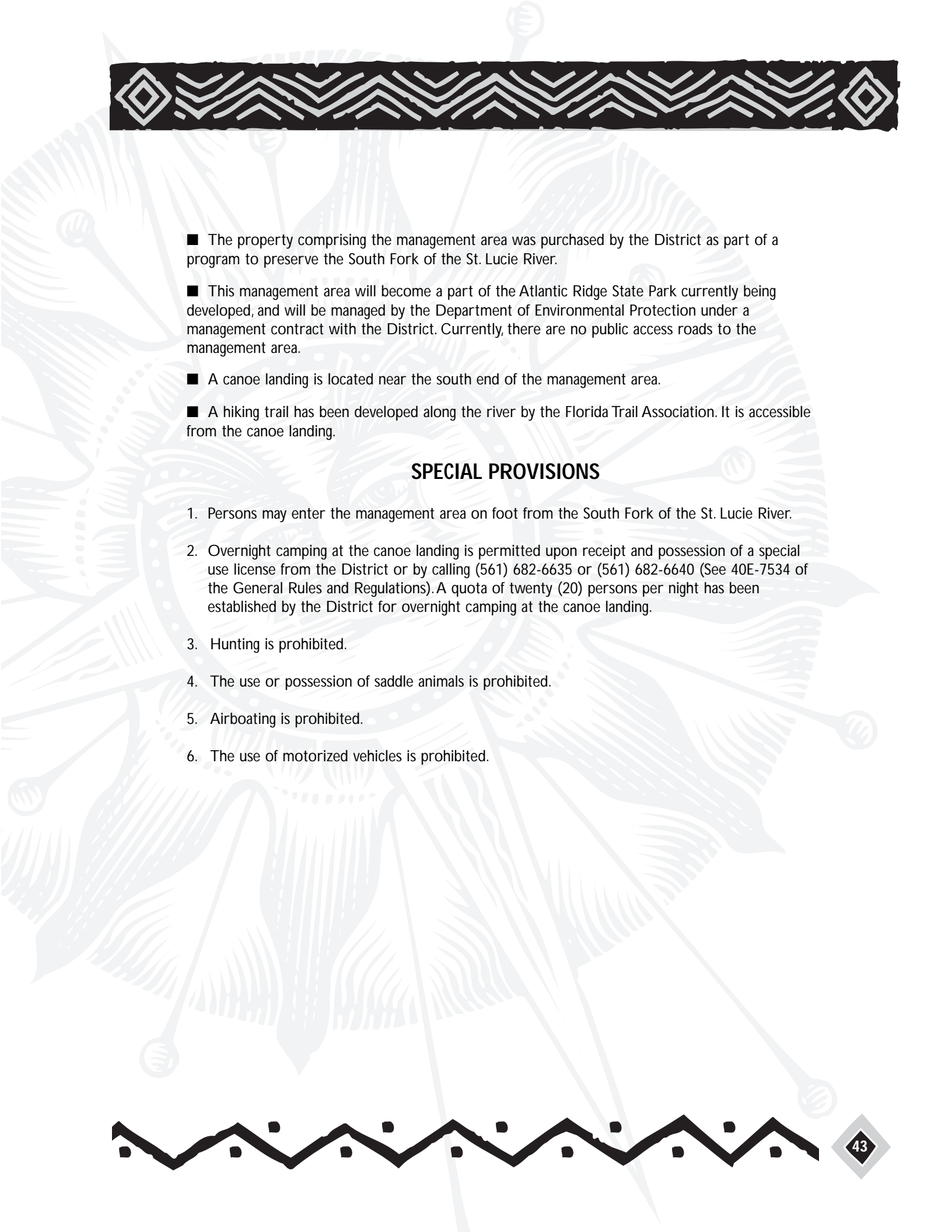
EAST COAST MANAGEMENT REGION





South Fork St. Lucie River Management Area 180 acres



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- The property comprising the management area was purchased by the District as part of a program to preserve the South Fork of the St. Lucie River.
 - This management area will become a part of the Atlantic Ridge State Park currently being developed, and will be managed by the Department of Environmental Protection under a management contract with the District. Currently, there are no public access roads to the management area.
 - A canoe landing is located near the south end of the management area.
 - A hiking trail has been developed along the river by the Florida Trail Association. It is accessible from the canoe landing.

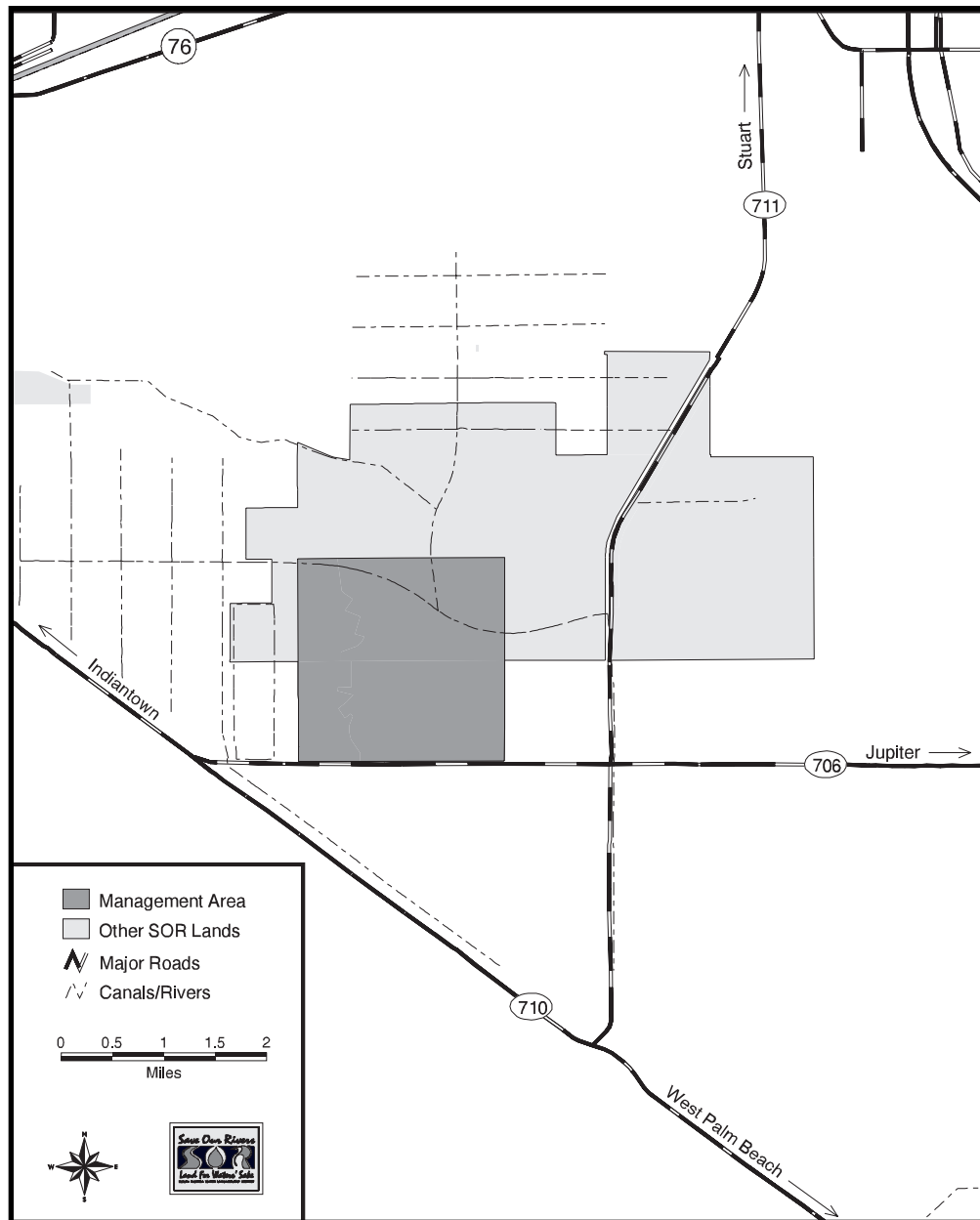
SPECIAL PROVISIONS


1. Persons may enter the management area on foot from the South Fork of the St. Lucie River.
2. Overnight camping at the canoe landing is permitted upon receipt and possession of a special use license from the District or by calling (561) 682-6635 or (561) 682-6640 (See 40E-7534 of the General Rules and Regulations). A quota of twenty (20) persons per night has been established by the District for overnight camping at the canoe landing.
3. Hunting is prohibited.
4. The use or possession of saddle animals is prohibited.
5. Airboating is prohibited.
6. The use of motorized vehicles is prohibited.



West Jupiter Wetlands Management Area

1,922 acres





■ The property comprising the West Jupiter Wetlands (Pal Mar) Management Area was purchased by the South Florida Water Management District as part of a larger project designated to preserve extensive high quality wetlands in northern Palm Beach and southern Martin Counties and to establish a permanent wildlife corridor between the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area and Jonathan Dickinson State Park.

■ An interim management program is being implemented by the District pending execution of a management contract with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission 8535 Northlake Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33412 or by telephone at (561) 625-5122.

■ The District has requested that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission evaluate the potential for hunting on this area.

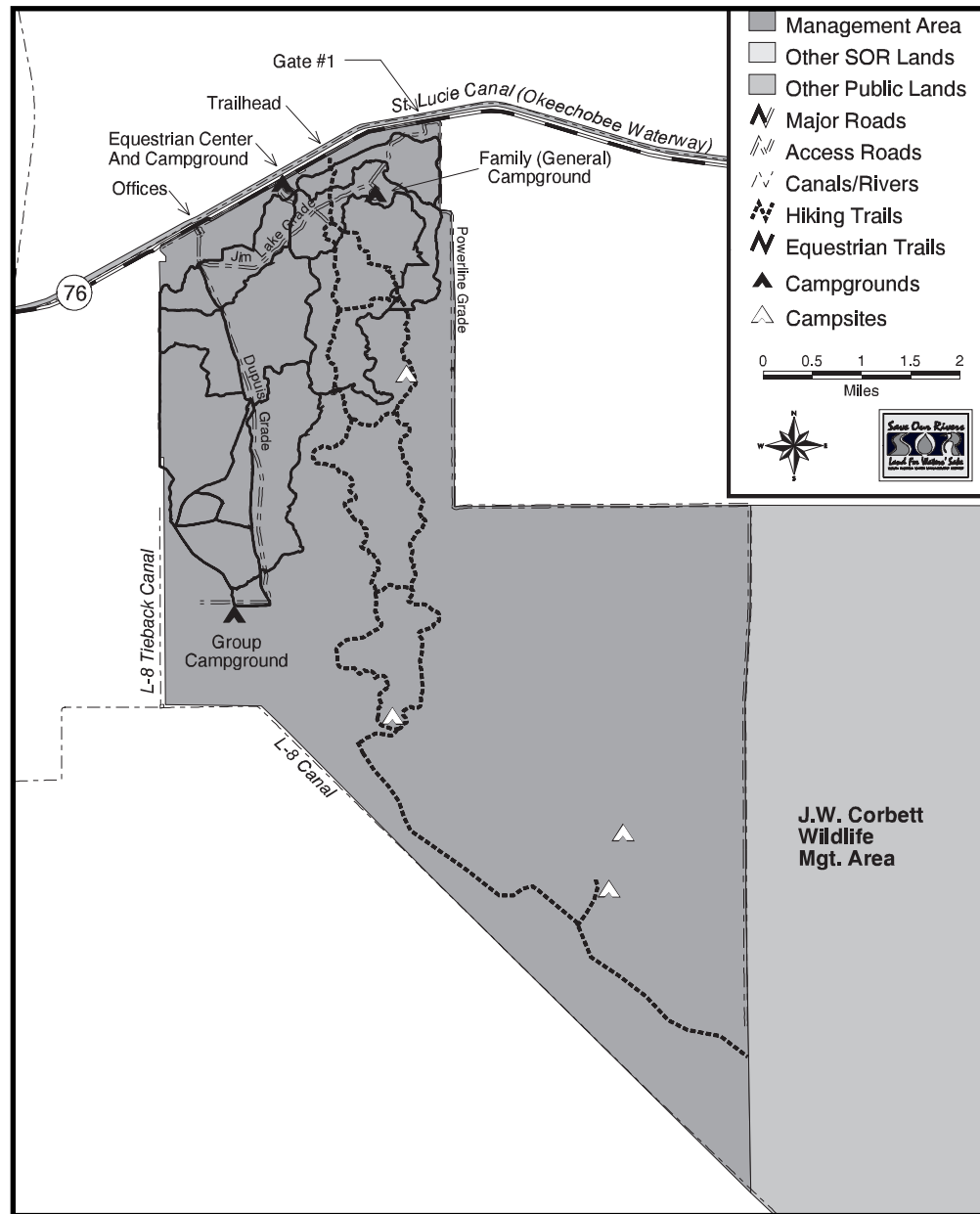
■ All users must stay within the boundaries posted by the blue Save Our Rivers signs.


SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Persons may enter the management area on foot at the designated access points off State Road 706 (Indiantown Road).
2. Airboating is prohibited.
3. Hunting is prohibited.
4. The use or possession of saddle animals is prohibited.
5. Camping is allowed only on the rim of the spoil bank on the south side of the canal.
6. Swimming, bathing and boating are prohibited in the canals.
7. Canoeing is allowed only in the interior ponds, not in the canal.

Dupuis Management Area

21,875 acres

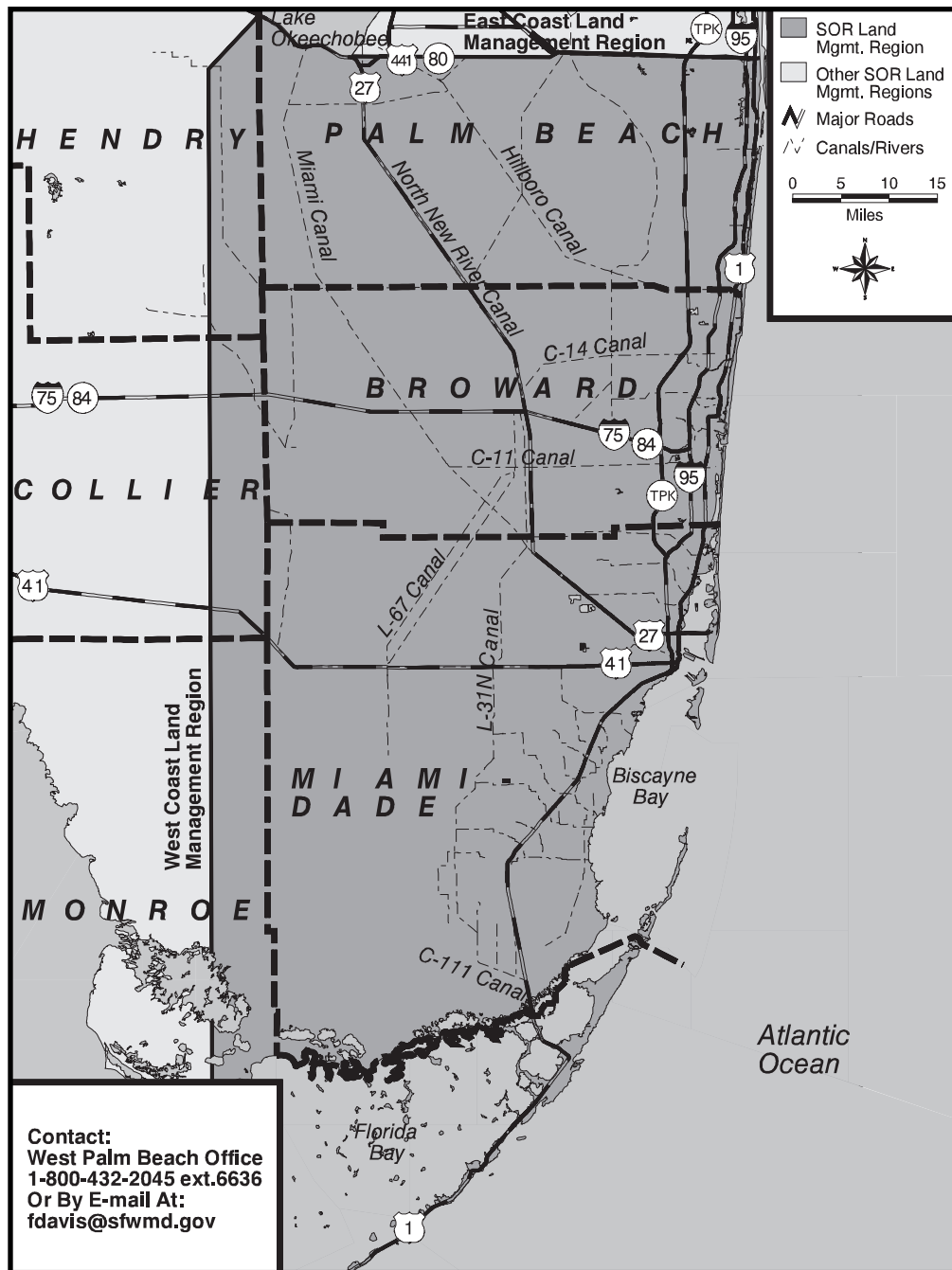


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- The District is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the management area, call (561) 924-5310 for more information.
 - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FGFWFC) is responsible for wildlife management and the regulation of public hunting. Rules and regulations for public hunting may be obtained by writing to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 8535 Northlake Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33412 or by calling (561) 625-5122.
 - Hiking and equestrian trails have been developed by the Florida Trail Association and the DuPuis Horsemen's Association in cooperation with the District.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

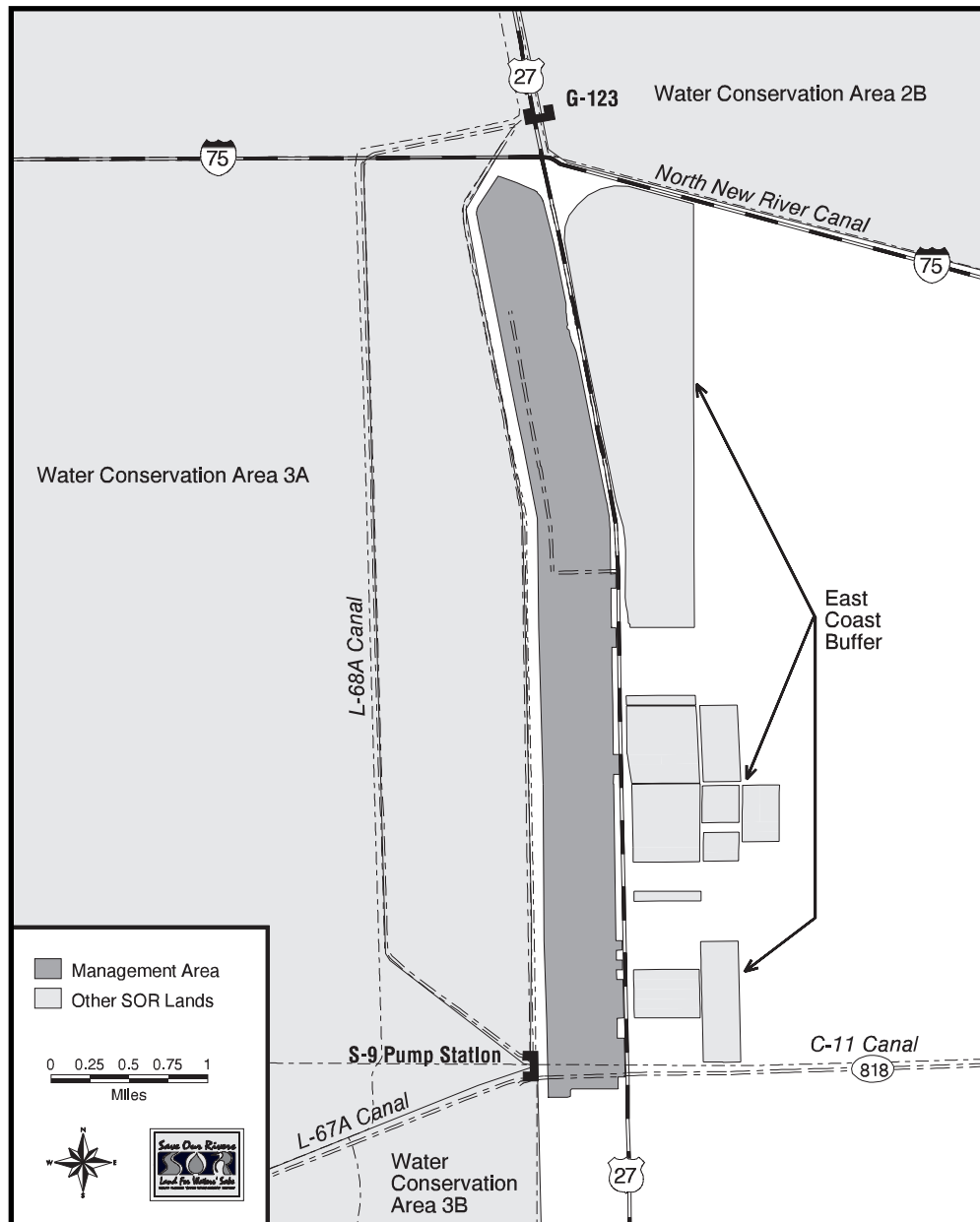
1. The District's public use rules (40E-7) are supplemental to those of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
2. The use or possession of saddle animals is restricted to the equestrian center, designated equestrian trails, and named or numbered roads.
3. Overnight camping is available year round at designated locations.
4. Use of the DuPuis Management Area is restricted during hunting periods authorized by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission call (561) 924-5310 extension 3333 for current conditions and information on special events.
5. All camping is available on a first come first serve basis. It is recommended that campers call ahead for current conditions and information on special events.
6. Airboating and frogging are prohibited.
7. Motorized vehicles, horse buggies and bicycles are allowed on named and numbered roads and designated parking areas only. The use of off road vehicles is restricted to the designated disabled hunt in accordance with Commission regulations.
8. Registration is required to enter and use DuPuis. Self-serve registration stations are located at the designated entry points; gates 1,2 and 3.
9. No Dogs are allowed on Dupuis except as authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
10. Camping at the family campsite:
 - Is only allowed at designated campsites.
 - Only tent camping or tent popup camping is allowed.
 - 8 people in 2 vehicles are allowed per campsite.
 - Generators are not allowed.
11. A group campsite is available by Special Use License, call (561) 924-5310 extension 3333 for information.
12. Camping is not allowed at Governor House.


EVERGLADES MANAGEMENT REGION





Everglades Buffer Strip North Management Area 1,200 acres





■ The property comprising the Everglades Buffer Strip is being purchased by the South Florida Water Management District and Broward County to accommodate seepage resulting from the operation of Water Conservation Area 3.

■ The management area comprises the portion of the Buffer Strip lying north of Canal 11.

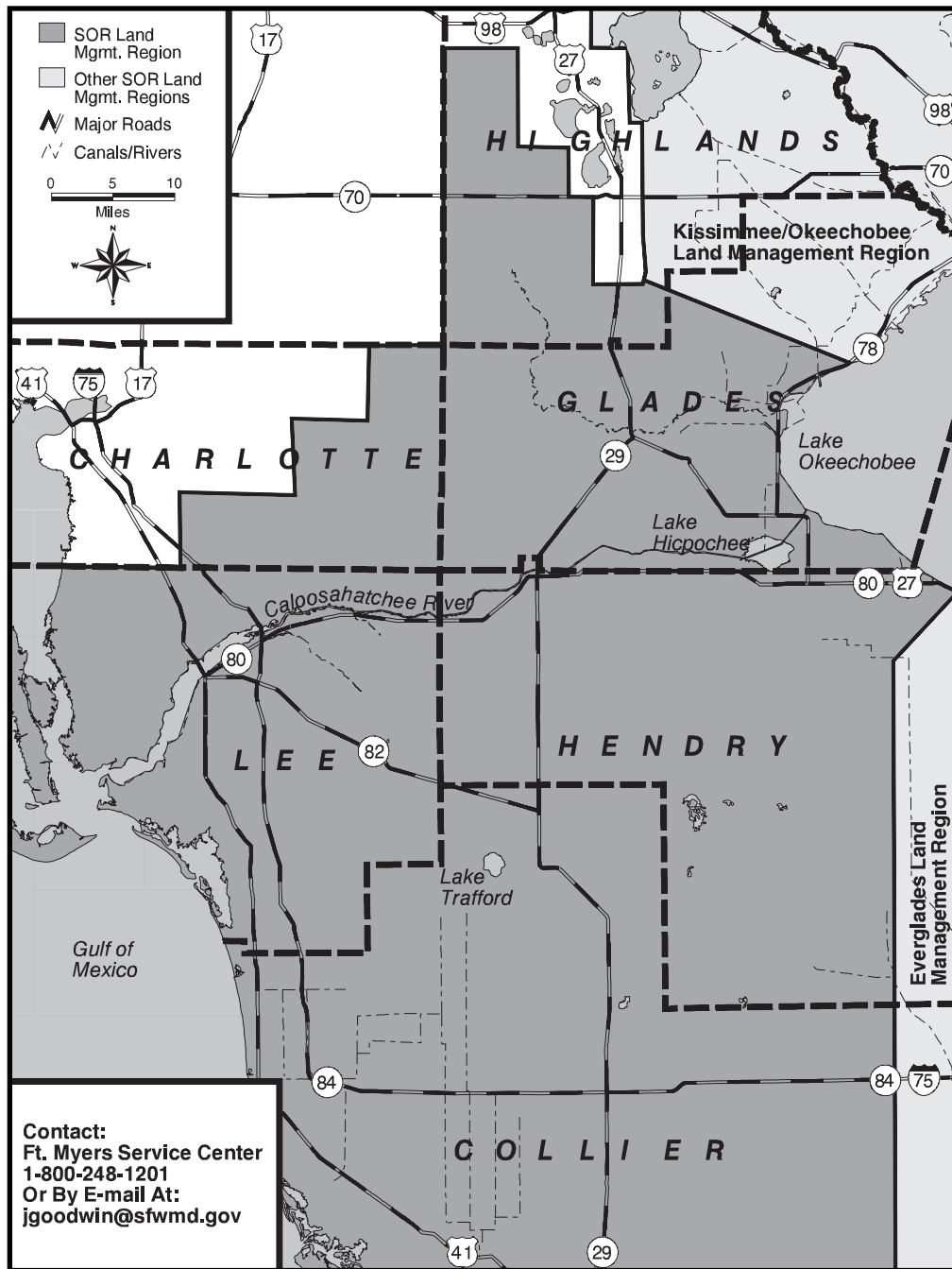
■ At the present time there are no established parking areas or boat launching ramps on the management area.

■ The District is working with Broward County on the development of a management plan for the property. Public access to and use of the property will be limited pending completion of the plan.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Persons may enter the management area on foot from U.S. Highway 27 or along the existing FP&L access road at the north end of the area.
2. Overnight camping is prohibited.
3. Hunting is prohibited.
4. Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
5. Airboating is prohibited.
6. The use or possession of saddle animals is prohibited.

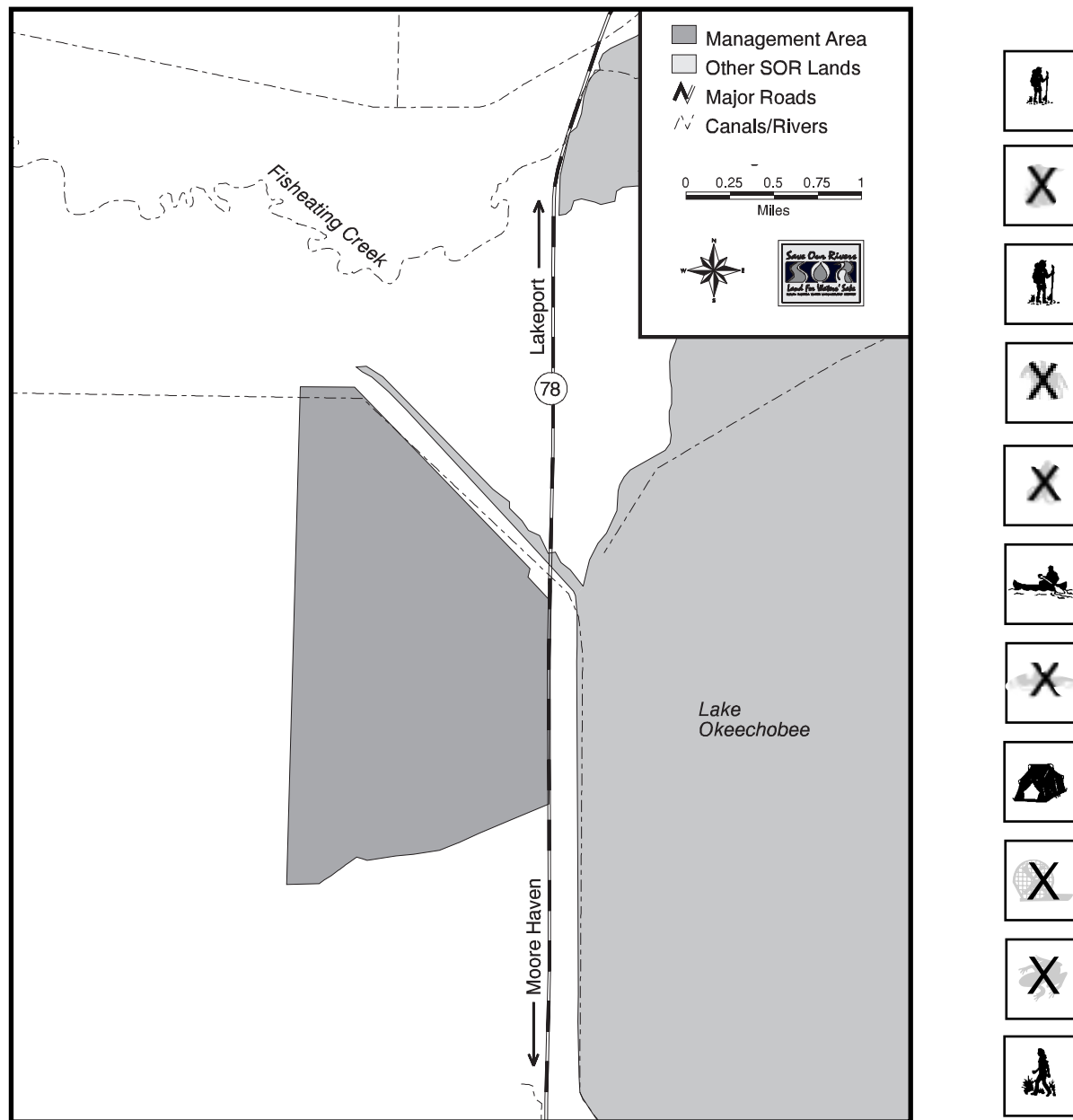
WEST COAST MANAGEMENT REGION


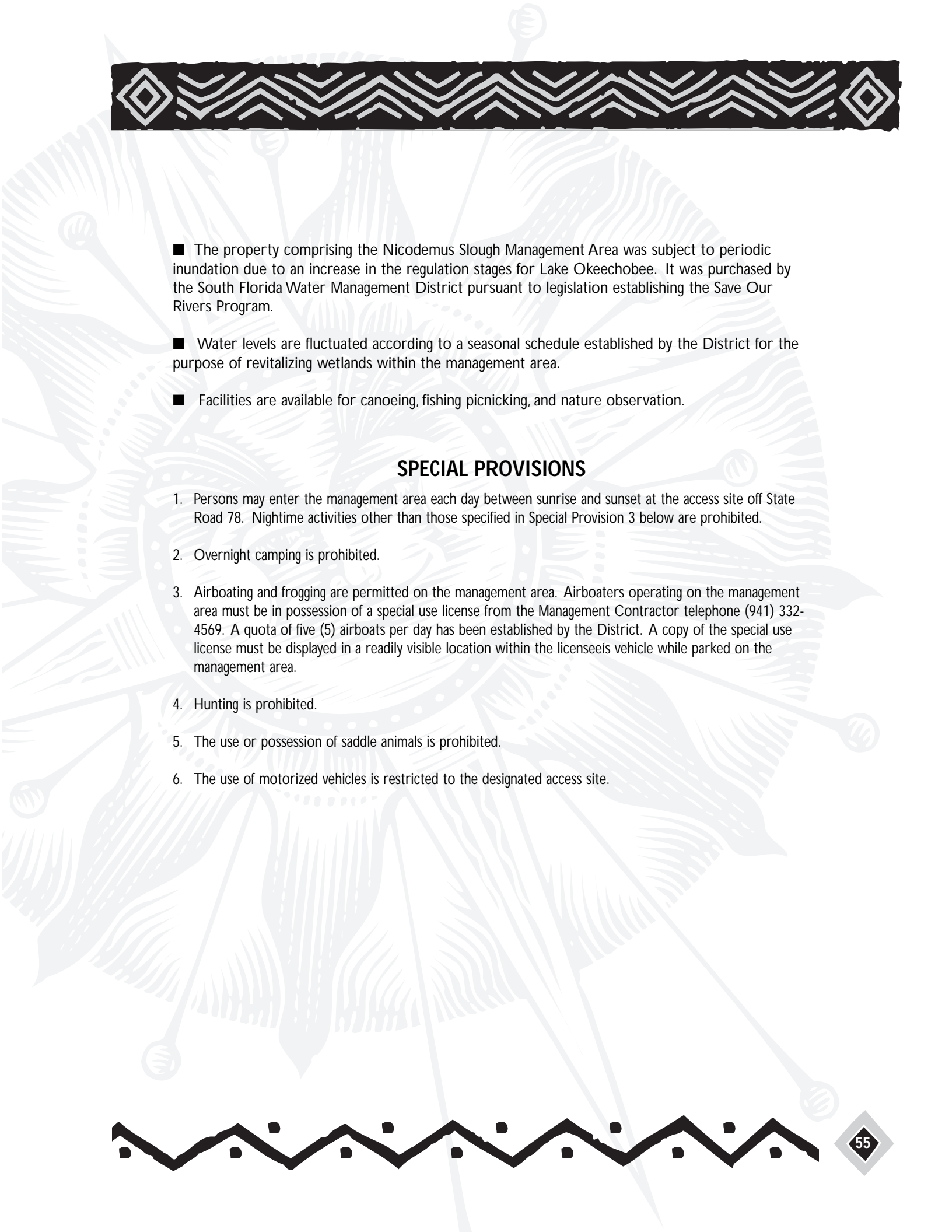




Nicodemus Slough Management Area

2,219 acres



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- The property comprising the Nicodemus Slough Management Area was subject to periodic inundation due to an increase in the regulation stages for Lake Okeechobee. It was purchased by the South Florida Water Management District pursuant to legislation establishing the Save Our Rivers Program.
 - Water levels are fluctuated according to a seasonal schedule established by the District for the purpose of revitalizing wetlands within the management area.
 - Facilities are available for canoeing, fishing picnicking, and nature observation.

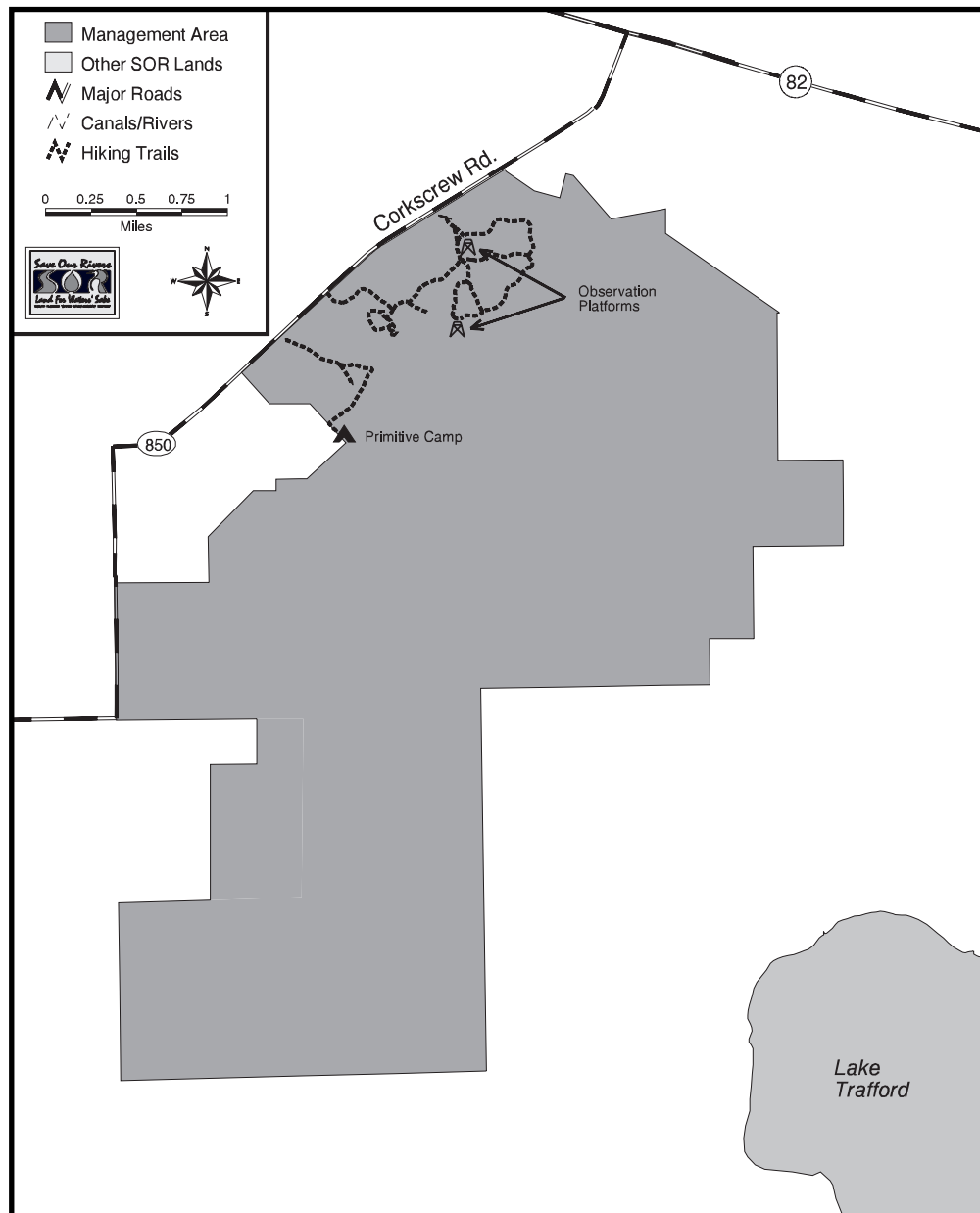
SPECIAL PROVISIONS


1. Persons may enter the management area each day between sunrise and sunset at the access site off State Road 78. Nighttime activities other than those specified in Special Provision 3 below are prohibited.
2. Overnight camping is prohibited.
3. Airboating and frogging are permitted on the management area. Airboaters operating on the management area must be in possession of a special use license from the Management Contractor telephone (941) 332-4569. A quota of five (5) airboats per day has been established by the District. A copy of the special use license must be displayed in a readily visible location within the licensee's vehicle while parked on the management area.
4. Hunting is prohibited.
5. The use or possession of saddle animals is prohibited.
6. The use of motorized vehicles is restricted to the designated access site.



Crew Marsh Management Area

7,140 acres





■ The property comprising the Corkscrew Marsh management area was purchased by the South Florida Water Management District as part of the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW).

■ A conceptual management plan for CREW has been prepared by a multi-agency planning team established by the District.

■ The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is responsible for management and protection of the wildlife and fresh water aquatic life on the CREW properties pursuant to an agreement with the District.

■ For information on the special hog hunt please contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (561) 625-5122.

■ Information on the status of the management area and the applicable rules and regulations governing public use may be obtained from the Fort Myers Service Center, 2301 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33907, or by calling (941) 338-2929

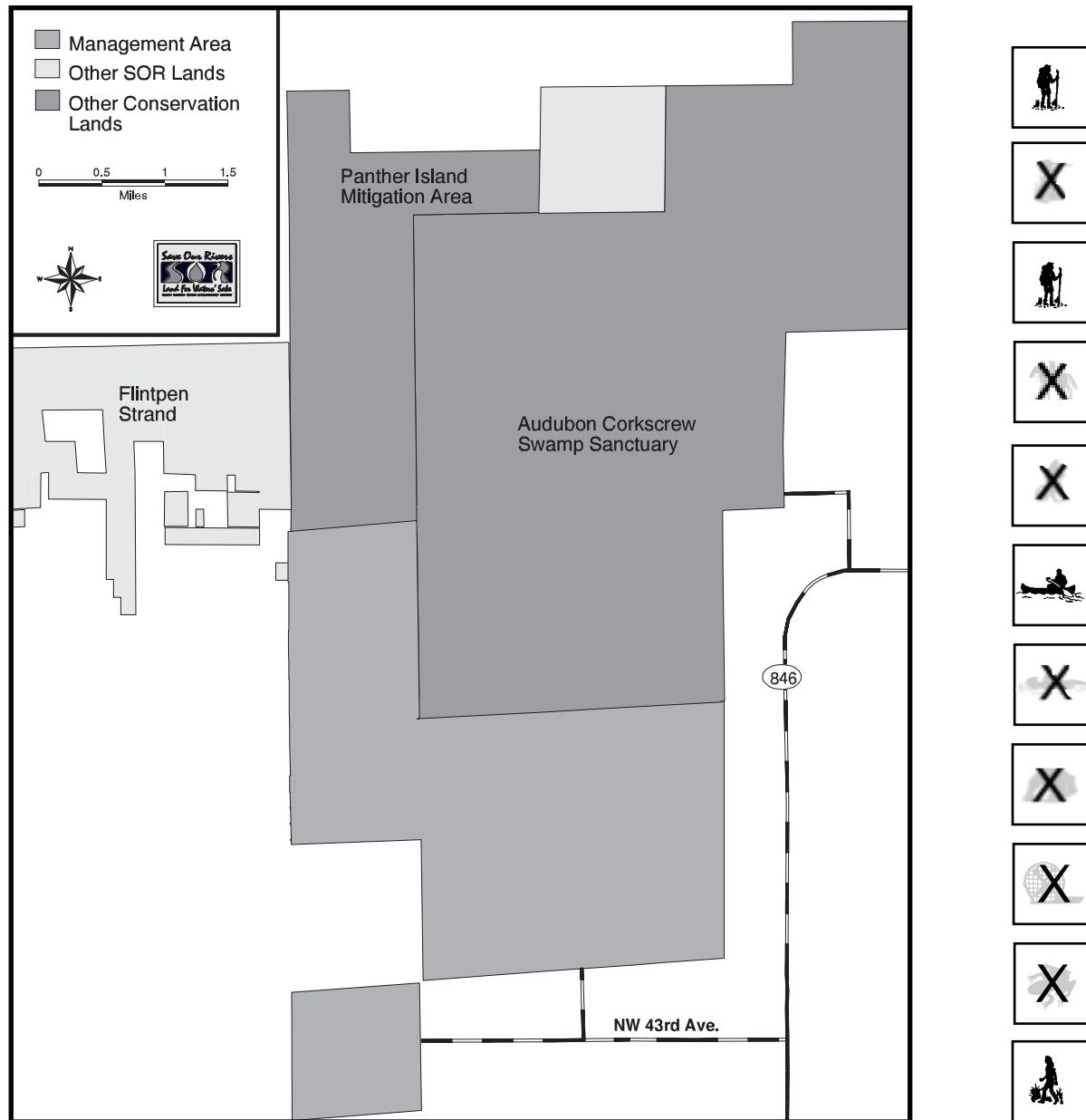
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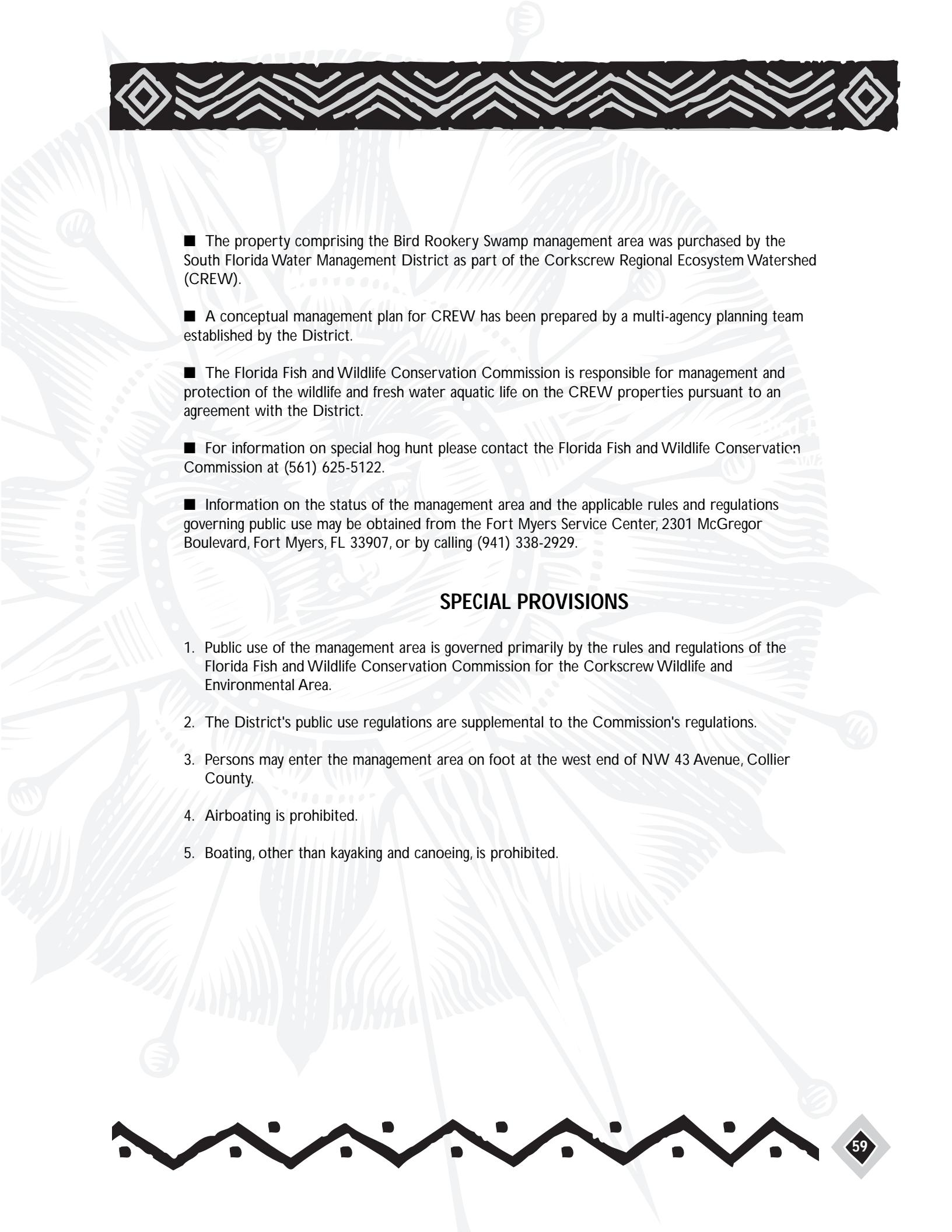

1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by the rules and regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the Corkscrew Wildlife and Environmental Area.
2. The District's public use regulations are supplemental to the Commission's regulations.
3. Persons may enter and exit the management area each day between sunrise and sunset from any established trailhead off State Road 850 (Corkscrew Road).
4. Overnight camping is permitted at the designated primitive campsites upon receipt and possession of a special use permit from the District (See 40E-7.534 of General Rules) or as authorized by the FFWCC during hunts. A quota of twenty (20) persons per night has been established by the District for use of the designated campsites. A copy of the special use license must be displayed in a readily visible location within the licensee's vehicle while parked on the management area.
5. Airboating is prohibited.
6. Boating, other than kayaking and canoeing, is prohibited.
7. Dogs must be on a leash and under the control of the owner at all times.
8. Bicycles are prohibited.
9. Hunting is restricted to hunting periods authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.



Bird Rookery Swamp Management Area

5,552 acres





■ The property comprising the Bird Rookery Swamp management area was purchased by the South Florida Water Management District as part of the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW).

■ A conceptual management plan for CREW has been prepared by a multi-agency planning team established by the District.

■ The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is responsible for management and protection of the wildlife and fresh water aquatic life on the CREW properties pursuant to an agreement with the District.

■ For information on special hog hunt please contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (561) 625-5122.

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Public use of the management area is governed primarily by the rules and regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the Corkscrew Wildlife and Environmental Area.
2. The District's public use regulations are supplemental to the Commission's regulations.
3. Persons may enter the management area on foot at the west end of NW 43 Avenue, Collier County.
4. Airboating is prohibited.
5. Boating, other than kayaking and canoeing, is prohibited.



Non-District Managed Public Use Areas

Lake Walk-in-Water

Lake Walk-in-Water is a 4,000 acre tract that was jointly acquired by Polk Co. and SFWMD. The property is managed by Polk Co. and is open to foot traffic only from sunrise to sunset. A walk through entrance is located off State Road 60, 2 mile east of Tiger Lake Road. There are no facilities at this time. For more information, call Polk Co. at 863-534-7377.

Tibet-Butler Preserve

Tibet Butler preserve is a 439 acre tract in Orange County that is owned by the District but managed by Orange Co. Parks and Recreation for environmental education. Facilities include the Vera Carter Environmental Education Center, interpretive hiking trails, and elevated boardwalks. For a current schedule of park Hours call 407-876-6696.

Kissimmee Prairie State Preserve

SFWMD and the state CARL program jointly acquired more than 38,000 acres in Okeechobee County. The property is managed by the State's Division of Recreation and Parks, and is open for day use only. Hiking, horseback riding, and bicycling are currently available. For more information call the Preserve at 863-462-5360.

Lower Kissimmee River-- KICCO

KICCO is managed as a wildlife management area by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), and is separate from the Kissimmee Public Use Area. For information call FWC at 941-648-3205. A segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail extends the length of Kicco. Hunting, fishing, bicycling, and primitive camping are also available.

Hickory Hammock

Hickory Hammock is managed, as a wildlife management area by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), and is separate from the Kissimmee Public Use Area. For information call FWC at (941) 648-3205. A segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail extends the length of Hickory Hammock. Hunting, fishing, bicycling, and primitive camping are also available.

Loxahatchee River Northwest Fork

The District owns more than 1,900 acres along the Loxahatchee River, north of SR 706 (Indiantown Road), that are managed by the State Division of Recreation and Parks as part of Jonathan Dickinson State Park. The Loxahatchee River is Florida's only federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The property is open for canoeing and hiking. For more information contact the State Park at 561-546-2771.

Loxahatchee Riverbend

The District owns 450 acres of land in Palm Beach County that will be included as part of the proposed Riverbend Regional Park and is under management by Palm Beach County pursuant to an agreement with the District. For more information, contact Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department at 561-966-6600.





Southern Glades

The District owns more than 32,000 acres in Miami-Dade County that is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as the Southern Glades Wildlife and Environmental Area. The property is open to fishing, bicycling, hiking, hunting, and airboating. For more information, contact FWC at 954-746-1789.

Okaloacoochee Slough

The District owns more than 21,000 acres in Hendry and Collier counties. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Division of Forestry own an additional 13,000 adjacent acres. The District's portion is managed by the Division of Forestry and is open to hiking and hunting. For more information contact DOF at 941-694-2181.

Six Mile Cypress

The District owns 840 acres within Six Mile Cypress slough in Lee County, and the county owns an additional 1,036 acres. The property is managed by Lee County Division of Parks and Recreation. Facilities include an elevated boardwalk. For more information contact Lee County Division of Parks and Recreation at 941-338-3300.

Indian River Lagoon

The District owns, in partnership with St. Lucie County, State of Florida, and federal government, approximately 400 acres that span from the beach to the Indian River. The property is open to swimming, hiking, canoeing, and surf and lagoon fishing. St. Lucie County manages the property. For more information, call the county at 561-462-1515.

North Fork St. Lucie River

The District owns 428 acres in 7 separate management units bordering the North Fork St. Lucie River. St. Lucie Co. manages two units totaling 325 acres that are open to hiking and river fishing. An environmental education center will be open late 2000, and accessible from 25th St., south of Ft. Pierce. For information on these two units, call St. Lucie Co. Leisure Services at 561-462-1515. The Department of Environmental Protection manages 5 units totaling 103 ac., which are open to hiking and river fishing. For information call DEP at 561-398-2806.

Atlantic Ridge Ecosystem

The District and State own 5,400 acres of pine flatwoods and wetlands that will be managed by the Division of Recreation and Parks, Department of Environmental Protection. It is anticipated that limited daytime and foot traffic-only public use will be available by summer 2000. The property has numerous woods roads that can be used for hiking until other trails are established. For more information call Jonathan Dickinson State Park at 561-546-2771.

Ft Basinger

The District owns 1,904 acres of land containing significant historical and cultural resources, and is under consideration for designation as a state historic site and nomination for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The management area will be opened for limited public use pending restoration of the buildings and related historic/cultural resources and the provision of interpretive facilities and programs. The area is managed by Highlands County and the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission under a management agreement with the District. For information contact Highlands County at 863-386-6650, or FFWCC at 683-648-3205.





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